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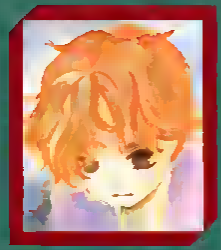

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ユーリ達の襲撃から逃げ延びた紫信と才蔵は、御城の地下で左介と合流。真実を知る為に松子の元へと向かう。そこへ、御城の当主の証である痣を持つ少女が現れた！　その少女の名は多由耶。幼い頃に彼女と出会った事のある紫信は、驚愕の事実に気付くのだが!?

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——花とゆめコミックス——
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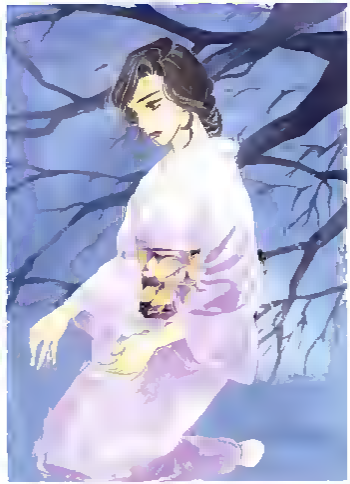

作品かいせつ

正吾達に救出され一命をとりとめた才蔵は、紫信と互いの覚悟と愛を確かめ合う。二人は、御城の地下へと潜入してきた左介と合流し、全ての真実を知る為に松子の元へと向かった。一方、里で紫信の捜索に出ていた晴海と六太は、ユーリ達に捕われ、人質となってしまい——!?

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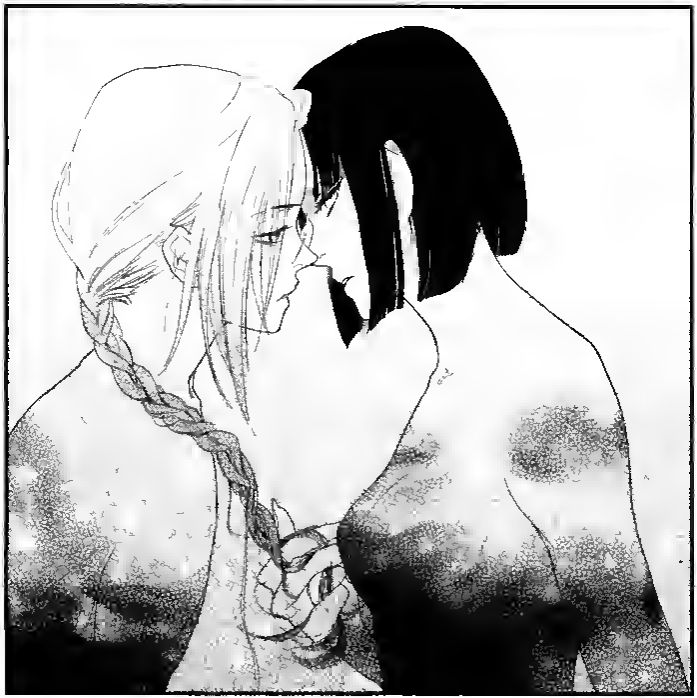

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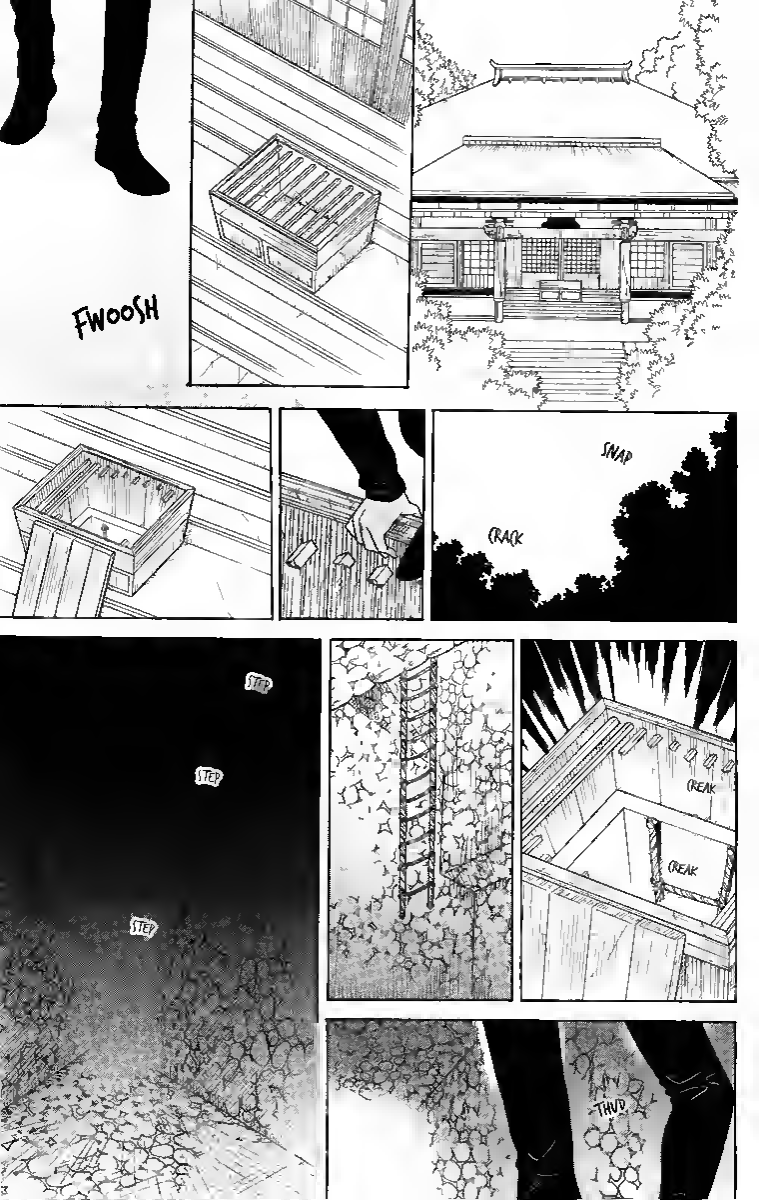
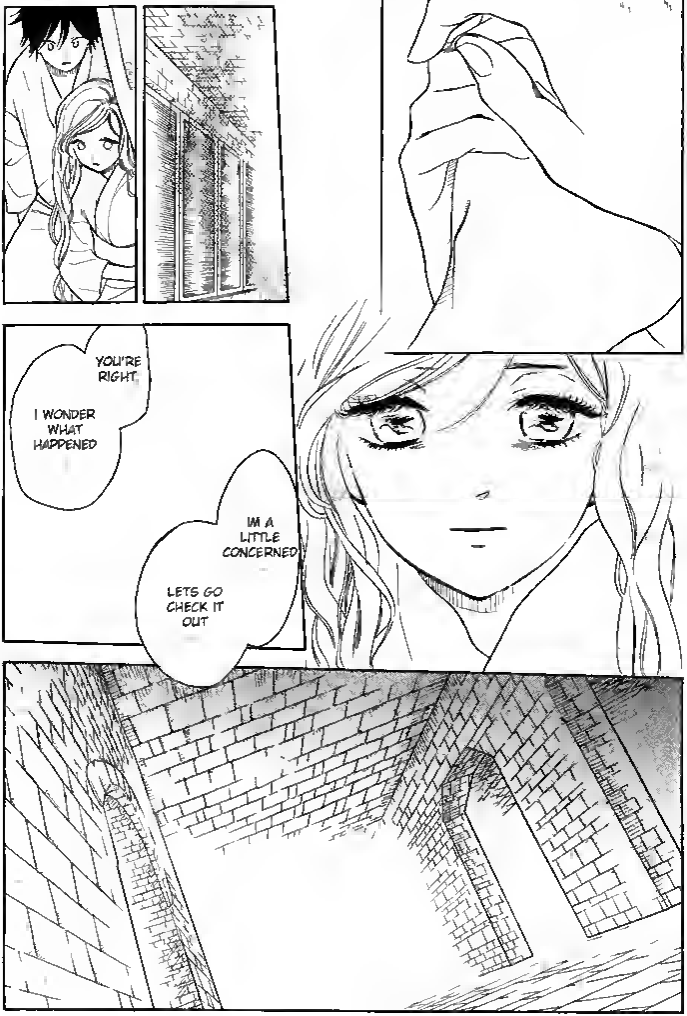
TORAHIKO ...?


FWOOSH
SNAP
CRACK
STEP
STEP
STEP
CREAK
CREAK
THUD

I FOUND OUT ABOUT MY PARENT'S DEATH ...
WHEN I WAS ABOUT 12 YEARS OLD
AND I ACCIDENTALLY OVERHEARD THEM TALKING
YOSHITO-SAN AND SHIGETO-SAN WERE ARGUING OVER WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD TELL ME THE TRUTH.
YOU MEAN YOU WERE ABLE TO LISTEN IN ON THEIR CONVERSATION ? THE 1ST AND 2ND SON OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY ?
THEY MUST'VE BEEN REALLY CARELESS ...

COME TO THINK OF IT, I WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO WITNESSED THAT INCIDENT ALONG WITH YOSHITO-SAN
DO YOU THINK
THAT THEY ACTUALLY REALISED YOU WERE THERE
AND I LOST THE MEMORIES OF THAT NIGHT
DESPITE THAT, HE COULD NEVER BRING HIMSELF TO REMIND ME OF THAT TRAGEDY
BUT I THINK I CAN SORT OF UNDERSTAND
HOW MUCH HE MUST HAVE WANTED TO OPEN UP TO ME ABOUT IT

COMPARED TO ME,
MISHIMA YOSHITO WAS SOMEONE WHOM SAIZOU HAD SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE WITH ..
SAIZOU MUST HAVE CARED FOR HIM DEEPLY AS WELL ..
SO WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN THE REASON SAIZOU CHOSE ONE OF US OVER THE OTHER ...?
-SAMA
SHINOBU -SAMA
STARTLE
DONT YOU THINK IT'S A LITTLE NOISY OUTSIDE ?


YOU'RE RIGHT.
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED
IM A LITTLE CONCERNED
LETS GO CHECK IT OUT

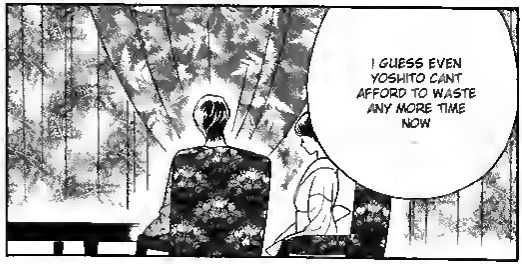
INTRUDERS !!
SEND EVERYONE WE CAN SPARE TO FACE THEM,
WE'VE GOT INTRUDERS !!!
THUD THUD
SHINOBU -SAMA !?
THUD

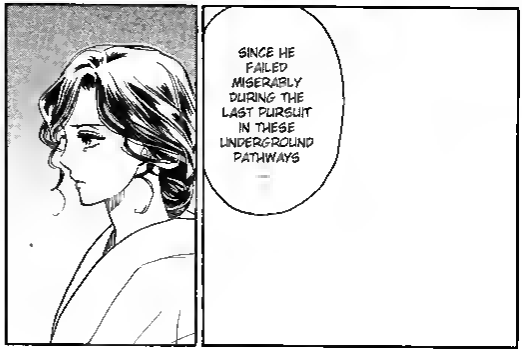
PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR ROOM, SHINOBU -SAMA !
SAIZOU !
COULD IT BE ?
WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY THESE INTRUDERS AT ONCE !
HAVE WE GOT ANY WORD OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY'S MOVEMENTS YET ...!?
WHAT IS GOING ON !?
WASNT THE MISHIMA FAMILY STILL ON STANDBY IN THE TEMPLE ?
THE OSHIRO FAMILY SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRICTLY MONITORING THEM !?
LAST NIGHT,
THE LORD WAS INFORMED THAT ONCE WE WERE ALL SAFELY RESCUED, THE OSHIRO FAMILY HAD ISSUED NEW ORDERS
IN ORDER TO NAB THE MISHIMA FAMILY, THEIR SURVEILLANCE TEAM WERE TASKED WITH THE CAPTURE OF THE ENEMIES INSTEAD
HOWEVER ...

BUT THE TEMPLE WAS ALREADY EVACUATED
THIS WOUND ON MY BACK ...
JUST KIDDING
IT IS IN FACT SURPRISING THAT THE CUT WAS SO SHALLOW CONSIDERING WHAT A CLOSE -RANGED ATTACK IT WAS ...
ESPECIALLY FOR SOMEONE AS SKILLED AS YUURI ....
THE LORD CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD ASSUME HE AVOIDED A FATAL BLOW ON PURPOSE
A TRAP ....

"I THINK IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO ASSUME THEY INTENDED TO LURE US OUT OF HIDING"
"OF COURSE, THEY MUST'VE ANTICIPATED THE SURVEILLANCE OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY AND SHOUKO-SAMA.
"IF THEY HAD LET THE TWO OF YOU ESCAPE ON PURPOSE ..."
SO THEY FOLLOWED US WHEN WE WERE BEING RESCUED,
IN ORDER TO DISCOVER THIS PLACE ?

PLATTER
THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO THEM IN REACHING THIS PLACE, IS SOLVING THE PUZZLE THAT IS THIS HUGE MAZE
WHY DID THEY HAVE TO DO THAT IF THEY ALREADY KNEW MOTHER WAS HIDING OUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE ...?
HOLD ON A SECOND





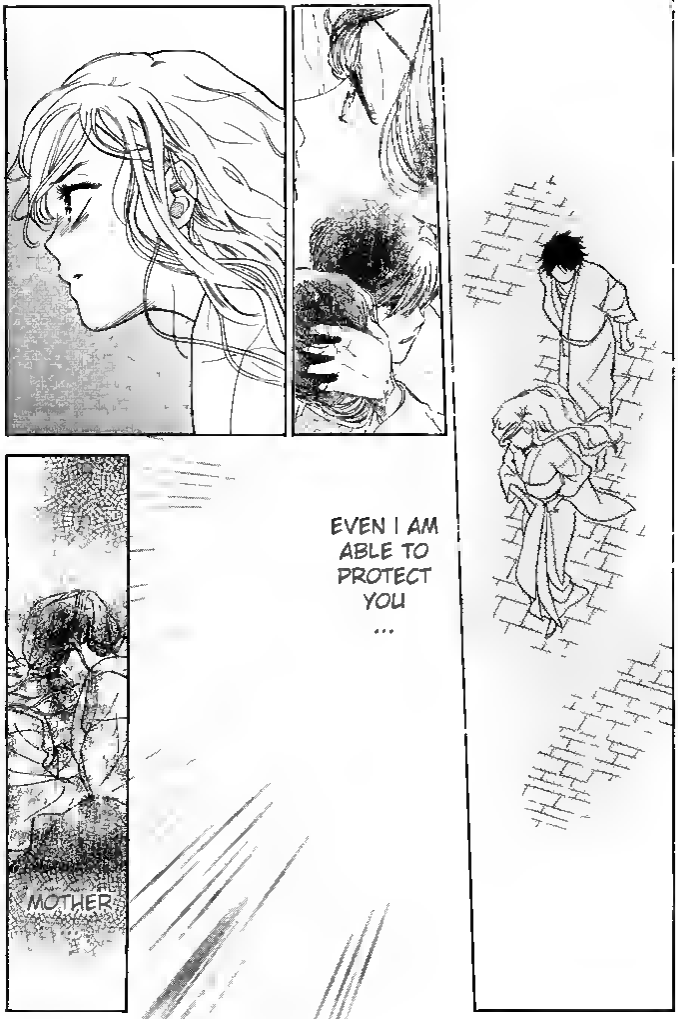
こんにちは高屋奈月です。
てろてろ10巻です。
あみとうとう2けた
に…。本当とは連載も始まろうしまえてコミックスも残せところ一冊でおいます。
今回から最終巻まではバラエティーは名ちゃうのお話など…。

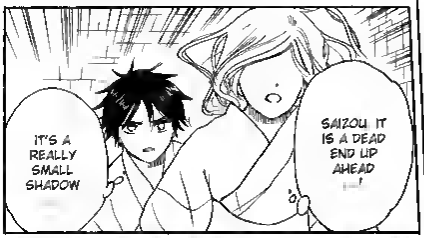
SAIGO DEKU.

君ちょっと勇ちうそなない。
…と思ったり思わなかったり。そくせ自己主張が弱くほうってあいとーきも発そず一言もなく過ごしてしまおうとする難儀なやつでした。
服と食事をさだるのが好きだった。料理上手…って本当に思っている。

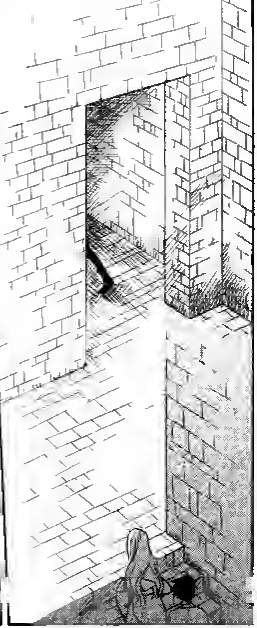
IF IT WAS MEANT TO BE A TRAP WHEN THEY ALLOWED SHINO AND SAIZOU TO ESCAPE
THAT MUST MEAN HE'S FOUND A WAY TO OVERCOME THIS UNDERGROUND MAZE
SO IT WOULDNT BE SURPRISING EVEN IF THEY SHOWED UP HERE ANYTIME NOW ...?

CLANK
DONT GO AFTER HIM, SAIZOU
FWOOSH
CLIK
KA-CHIK


EVEN I AM ABLE TO PROTECT YOU ...
MOTHER


IT'S A REALLY SMALL SHADOW
SAIZOU IT IS A DEAD END UP AHEAD ...!

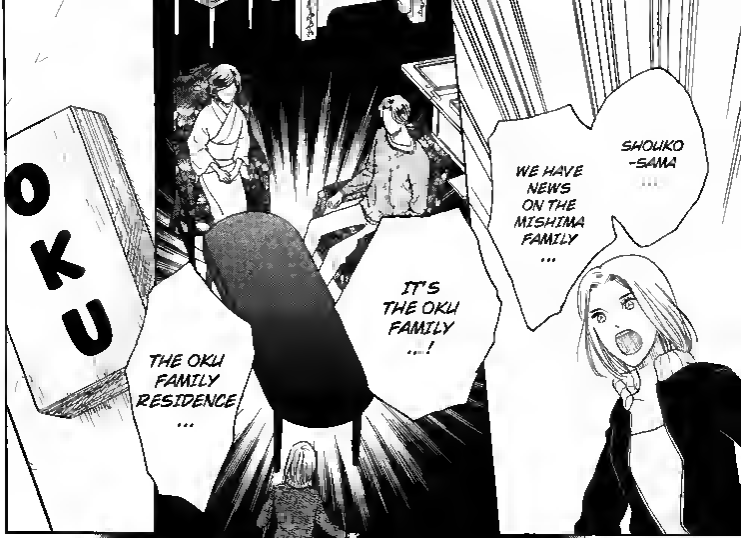
WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH HIM TOGETHER ...!
WHAAT !?



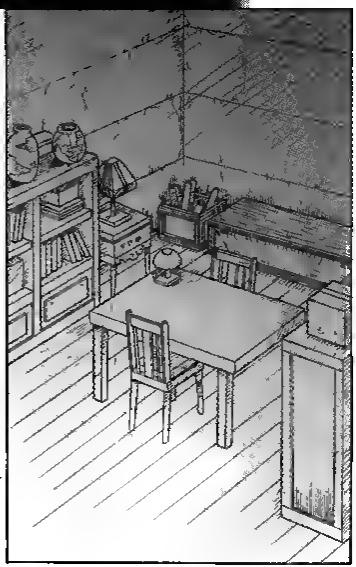
ONE ...
TWO ...

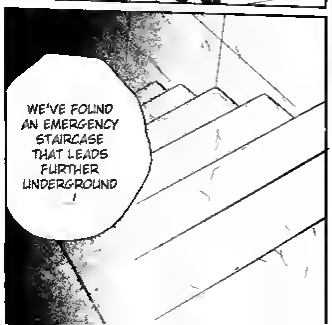
GO
!!

ARGH
OUCH.
!!!

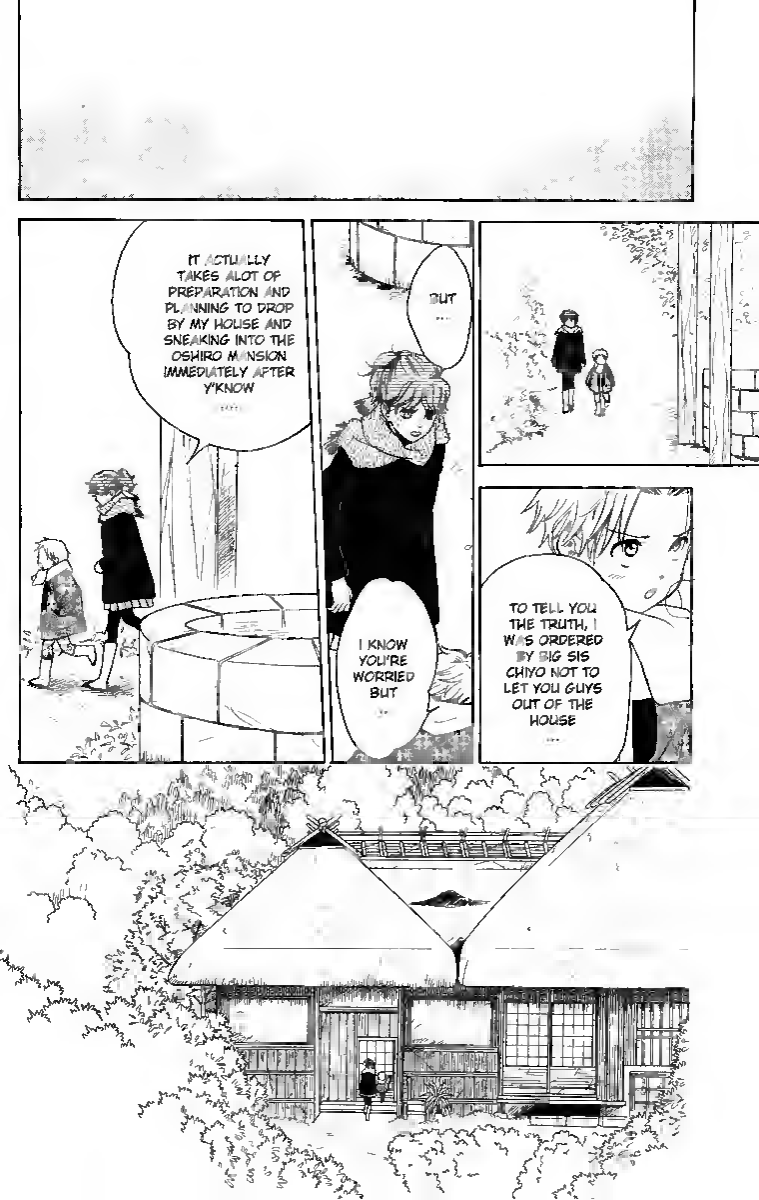

SHOUKO -SAMA ...
WE HAVE NEWS ON THE MISHIMA FAMILY ...
IT'S THE OKU FAMILY ...!
THE OKU FAMILY RESIDENCE ...
OKU

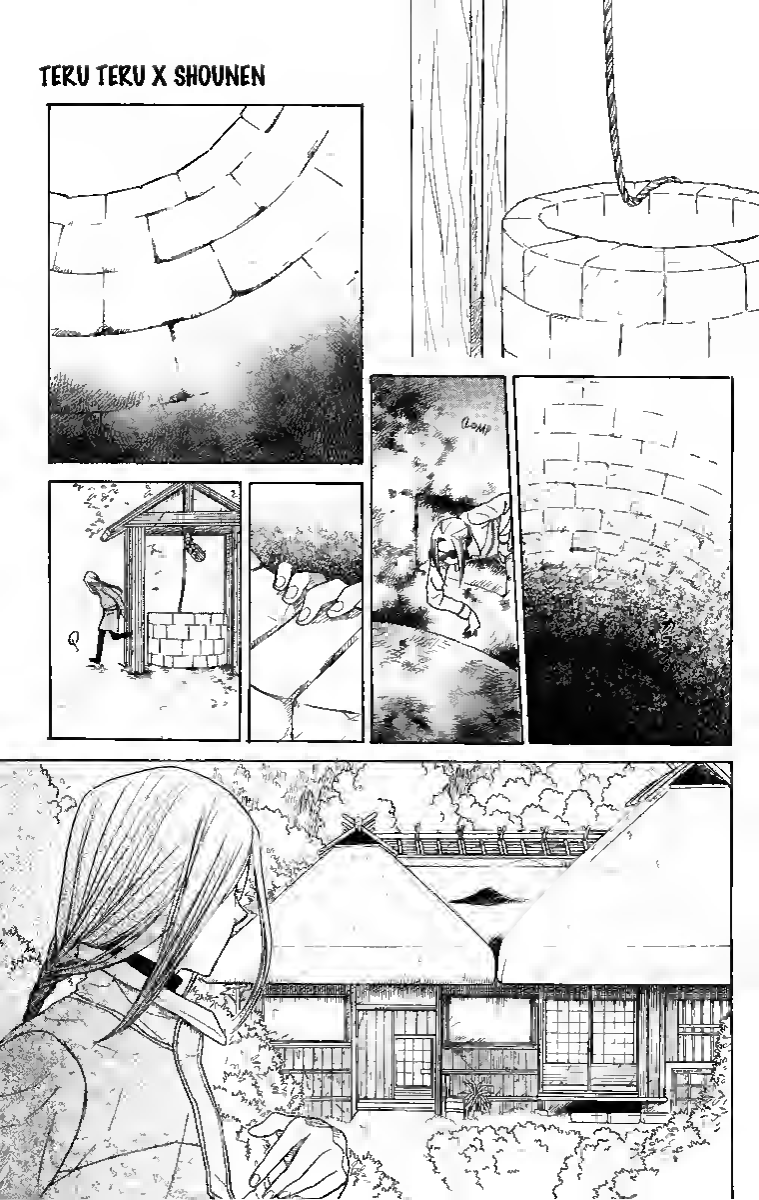
WE WERE SO CLOSE TO CATCHING THEM,
BUT THEY SCARCELY MANAGED TO SLIP THROUGH




WE'VE FOUND AN EMERGENCY STAIRCASE THAT LEADS FURTHER UNDERGROUND!

THAT'S WHERE THEY ESCAPED FROM ..?
WHERE DOES IT LEAD TO ?
WE DO NOT KNOW YET,
BUT IT MUST LEAD TO SOME WHERE WITHIN THE VILLAGE ....
WE SHALL CONTINUE WITH THE SEARCH !
I HAVE A REPORT ..!
SHINOBU-SAMA AND MASTER SAIZOU ARE MISSING FROM THEIR ROOM !
WHAAAT !?


IT ACTUALLY TAKES ALOT OF PREPARATION AND PLANNING TO DROP BY MY HOUSE AND SNEAKING INTO THE OSHIRO MANSION IMMEDIATELY AFTER Y'KNOW
BUT ...
I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED BUT ...
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WAS ORDERED BY BIG SIS CHIYO NOT TO LET YOU GUYS OUT OF THE HOUSE ...

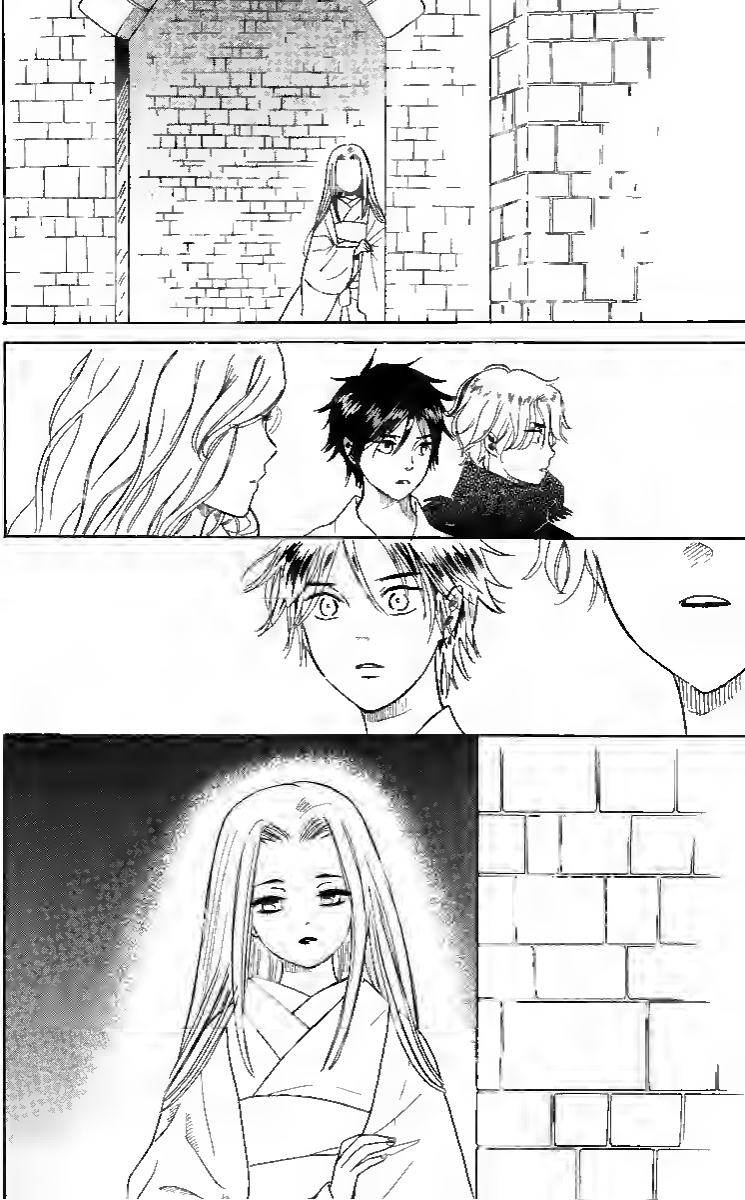

GOMP

AHH ...
THAT HURT ...
WHOOSH
PHEW
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE ANYWAY ?

HMPH YOU CANT DENY IT !?
DID YOU KNOW YOU CAUSED A HUGE RUCKUS AND SCARED EVERYONE HERE !?
I AM AN INTRUDER ??
WHAAT !?
ALL I WANTED WAS TO MEET WITH YOUR MOTHER, THAT'S ALL !
MOTHER ?
LETS GO BACK, WE HAVE TO INFORM MOTHER OF THIS .
I ...
THEY WOULDNT HAVE LET YOU MEET HER EVEN IF YOU ASKED NICELY AND FOLLOWED THE RULES,
OH ! SEE,
THAT'S WHY YOU USED THIS METHOD HUH
WELL IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, I DO SEEM LIKE AN INTRUDER
YOU IDIOT ...

JUST WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH
I CAME ALL THE WAY TO THIS DOOR JUST NOW,
BUT IT WOULDNT BUDGE SO I THOUGHT I'D LOOK FOR ANOTHER WAY IN
YOU WONT FIND MOTHER NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU LOOK FOR ANOTHER WAY IN
KA-CHIK
.....

BECAUSE EVERTHING IMPORTANT IS LOCKED AWAY BEHIND THE DOOR THESE KEYS BELONG TO ...



EVERYTHING IMPORTANT...
FALL

YOU ...
DO YOU KNOW TORAHIKO ?
IS LOCKED AWAY ...

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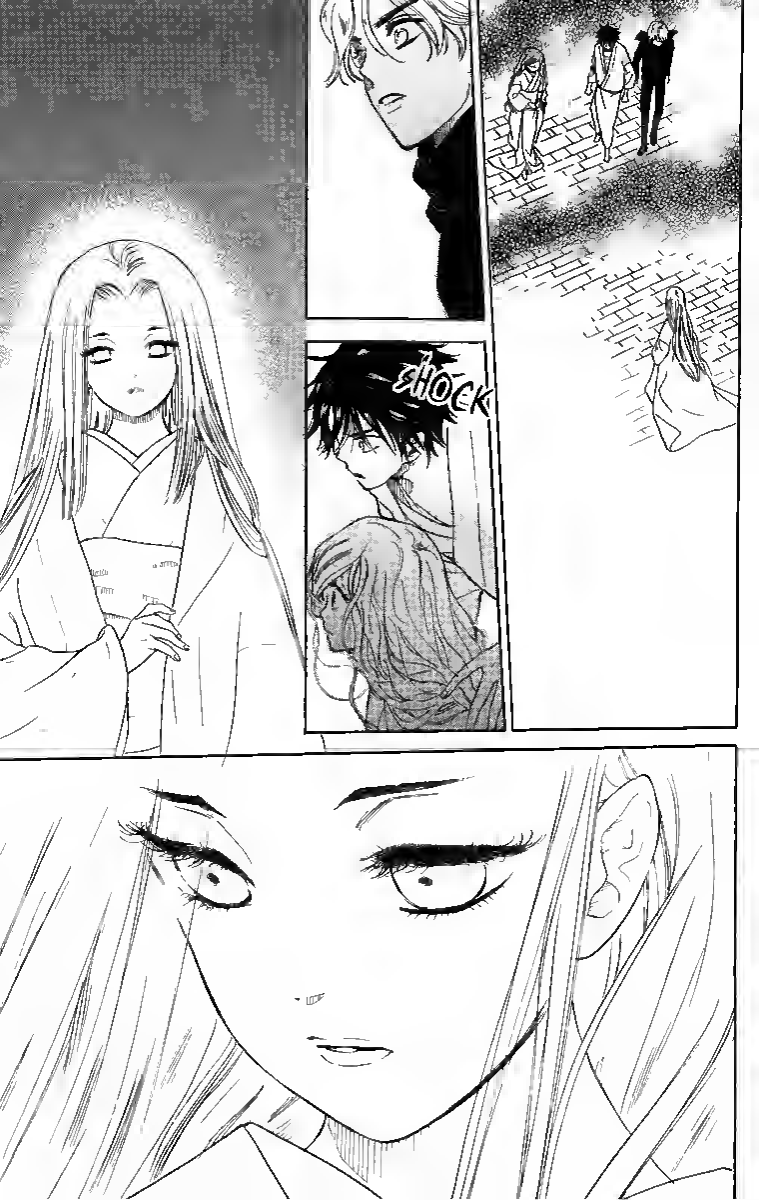
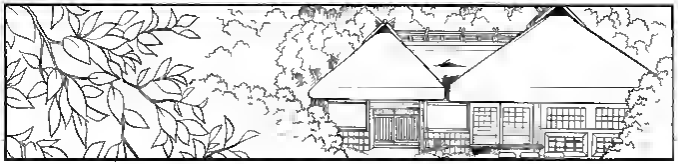

SHOCK

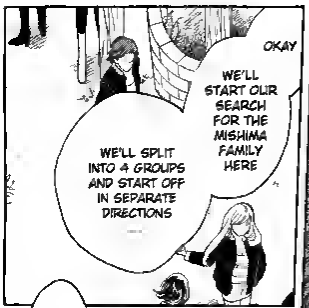
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...?
TAYUYA -SAMA ...
WHERE IS TORAHIKO .?

WHERE IS TORAHIKO ?
PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR ROOM
I DEMAND TO KNOW TORAHIKO'S WHEREABOUTS !
SHUDDER
DO ANY OF YOU KNOW TORAHIKO ?
DO YOU KNOW OF TORAHIKO ?
...
TORA
YOU ...

IS HE YOUR NINJA ...?
SMACK
ABACK

HOW HATEFUL ...!
SUDDEN
SLUMP
AHH !
HEY ...
WHAT IN THE ...




OKAY
WE'LL START OUR SEARCH FOR THE MISHIMA FAMILY HERE
WE'LL SPLIT INTO 4 GROUPS AND START OFF IN SEPARATE DIRECTIONS

EXCUSE ME

THERE ARE SIGNS THAT IT HAS BEEN USED JUST RECENTLY !

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY EXIT ALONG THE UNDER-GROUND PATH LEADING TO THE OKU RESIDENCE
THE INSIDE OF THIS WELL,

SORRY TO INTRUDE BUT-
HUH ?
ARE YOU HERE ALONE ?
ARE YOUR PARENTS HOME ?
THEY WENT OUT
SO YOU'RE WATCHING OVER THE HOUSE ?
MAY I KNOW YOUR NAME ?
LINO ROKUTA
ROKUTA -KUN,
DID ANYONE COME BY HERE TODAY ?
DID YOU GO OUT TODAY ?
NOPE !
DID YOU SEE ANYONE AROUND HERE BESIDES YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ?
HAVENT SEEN ANYONE .
WHO ARE YOU GUYS ANYWAY ?
OH WE'RE SORRY,
WE ARE SERVANTS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY AND ARE HERE IN SEARCH OF SOMEONE
DO YOU MIND IF WE TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOUR HOUSE ?

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY ?
WHO ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING FOR ?
YUP
THAT SHINY HAIRED GUY
OHH,
YOU MEAN THE YOUNGEST SON, SASUKE
I REGRET TO TELL YOU THAT THEY HAVE BECOME ENEMIES WHO REBELLED AGAINST THE OSHIRO FAMILY
WE ARE LOOKING FOR HIS ELDER BROTHERS AT THE MOMENT
ENEMY
12
6
CLATTER

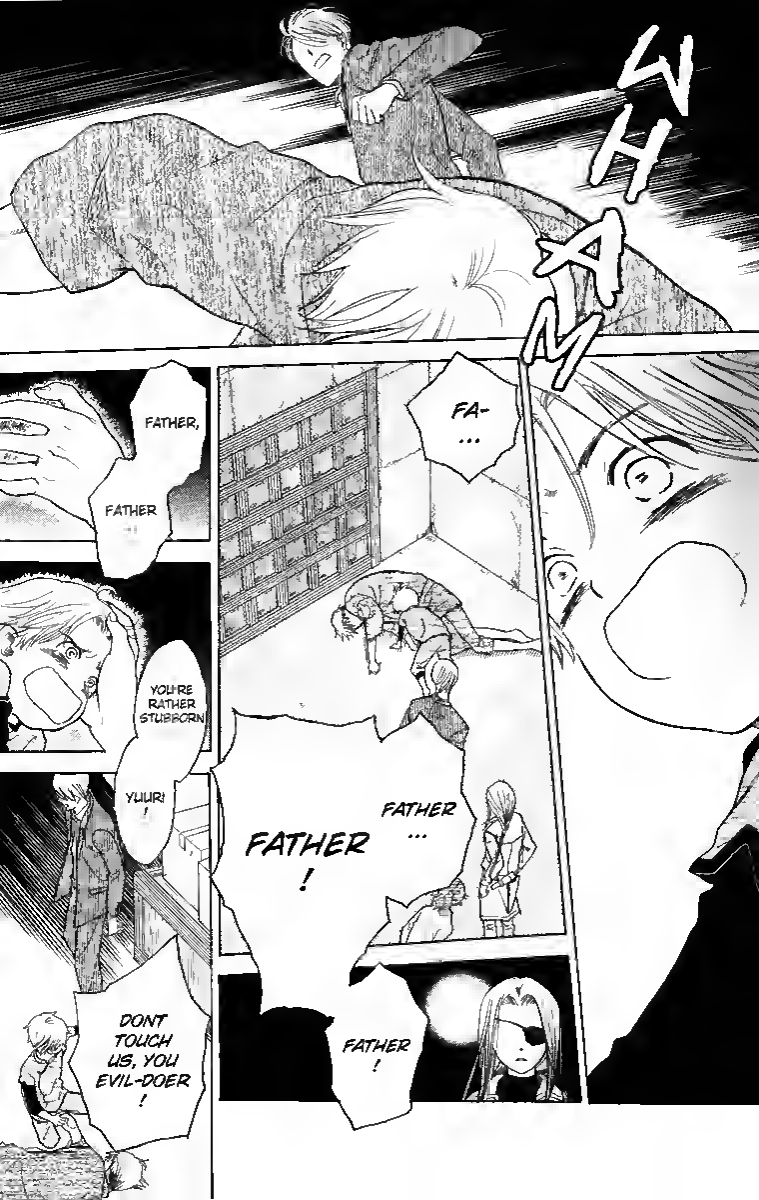
NOTHING HUH ?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THIS KID ?
DO WE LEAVE HIM HERE ALONE ...?
UHM
I UHH
WOOF !
I
I'LL BE FINE ...!

SLIDE
KA-CHIK
FWIP
CHINK
DASH
GRAB
LER HER GO,
LET HARUMI GO !
WOAH THERE

FATHER !
MOTHER !
THEY'RE JUST PARALYSED
WE USED A DRUG TO KNOCK THEM OUT, THAT'S ALL
I WILL NOT HARM THEM ANY FURTHER IF YOU BEHAVE YOURSELF
WITHOUT IT'S OWNER AND THAT ANIMAL USER AROUND
FLINCH
GRR

IT LOOKS LIKE HE OBEYS THE PERSON WITH THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY IN THE ROOM ....
YATSUFUSA

GRAB


SHAM
FA-
...
FATHER,
FATHER
YOU'RE RATHER STUBBORN
YUUR!
!
FATHER
...
FATHER
!
FATHER
!
DONT TOUCH US, YOU EVIL-DOER
!

LIFTS
PLOP
GYAA
FWUMP
BY EVIL-DOERS, YOU MEAN US ?
WHO ELSE DO YOU THINK IM TALKING ABOUT !?
YOU GUYS ARE NOTHING BUT CROOKS !!

SHINOBU OSHIRO

今だから話すが、初めて原稿を描こうまとしのぶの印象は筆ペンとの大きさしかなく、性別も決まっておらずよほどせんどした。

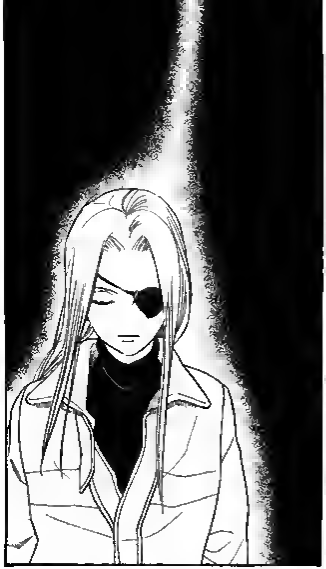
(何故?とか考えてた。筆箱の●リーになっちゃう/笑)

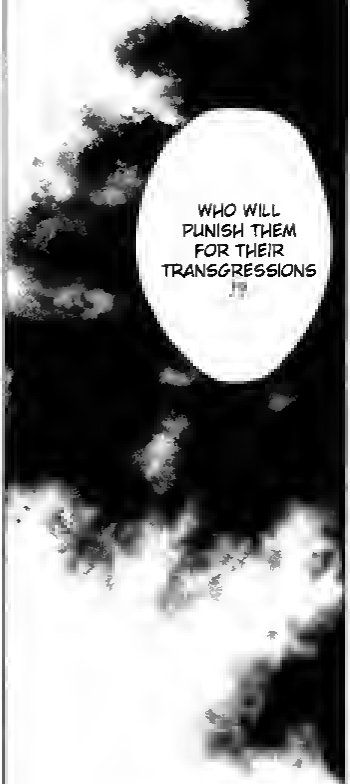
そのエピソードと筆ペンインクの不思議さを知るためにあれだけ大きくしたはず(なるの体に本当すんまそんでした)単行本は次くるまでんを描きちなみにだと相当、でさんと並べてた。すまい

このあとどうかいばっかりかまはそーとーなまだったと思う。

BA-
DUMP
THEY GOT AWAY ...
I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHILE SHINO-HIME WAS CAPTURED
THEN I'LL CUT TO THE CHASE,
YOU GUYS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THIS REVENGE THAT IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DONT GET IN OUR WAY
THEY MUST BE HIDING OUT WITH SHOUKO-SAMA RIGHT NOW ...
DO YOU GUYS KNOW OF THE PAST BETWEEN THE MISHIMA AND OSHIRO FAMILY ...?
HM ?

SUCH A SCARY EXPRESSION YOU HAVE THERE,
DO YOU CONDEMN US ?
BUT YOU SEE
I REALLY DONT THINK WE DESERVE ALL THE BLAME WE ARE GETTING HERE
FOR THE TRANSGRESSION OF GOING AGAINST THE OSHIRO FAMILY ?
THEY, ALONG WITH THE VILLAGE,
WILL NEVER LET US GO FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OSHIRO ?

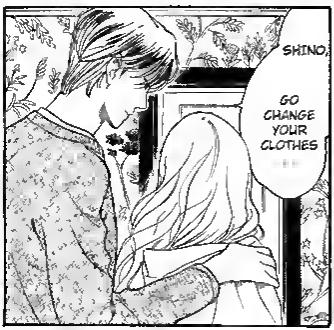


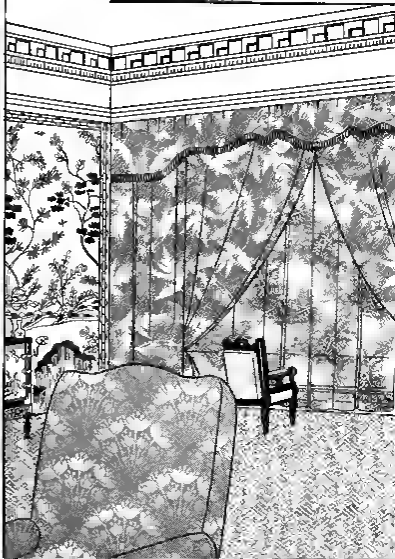

WHO WILL PUNISH THEM FOR THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS ?!

ARE YOU SAYING YOU WILL DO IT ?

SHINO
-HIME
...!

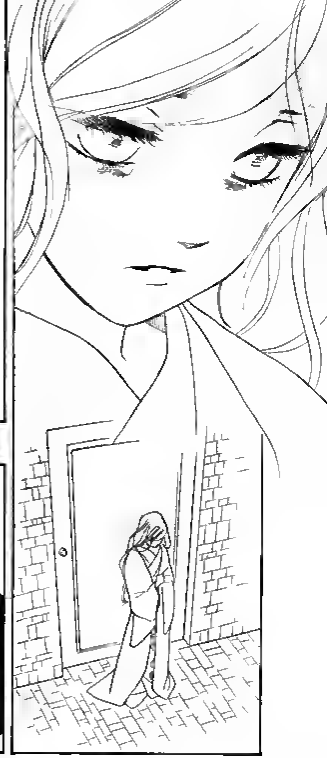
A BODY-DOUBLE ...!?


SHINO,
GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES

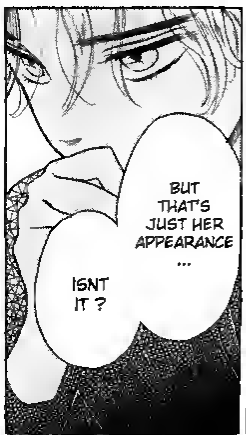


SA-
...
SHE WAS JUST A CHILD !
AND YOU GUYS WENT AND HAD HER TATTOOED
...
I CANT HELP BUT WANNA THROW A PUNCH
YOU ACTED BEFORE YOU EVEN SAID SO
THAT PUNCH WAS MEANT FOR THE LATE MASTER !!
.....
CUZ THERE'S NO WAY I CAN PUNCH A DEAD GUY !
YOU KNEW ABOUT ALL THIS ?

SIGH
...
CAN I ASK YOU BLUNTLY ?
WHO WAS THAT JUST NOW ?



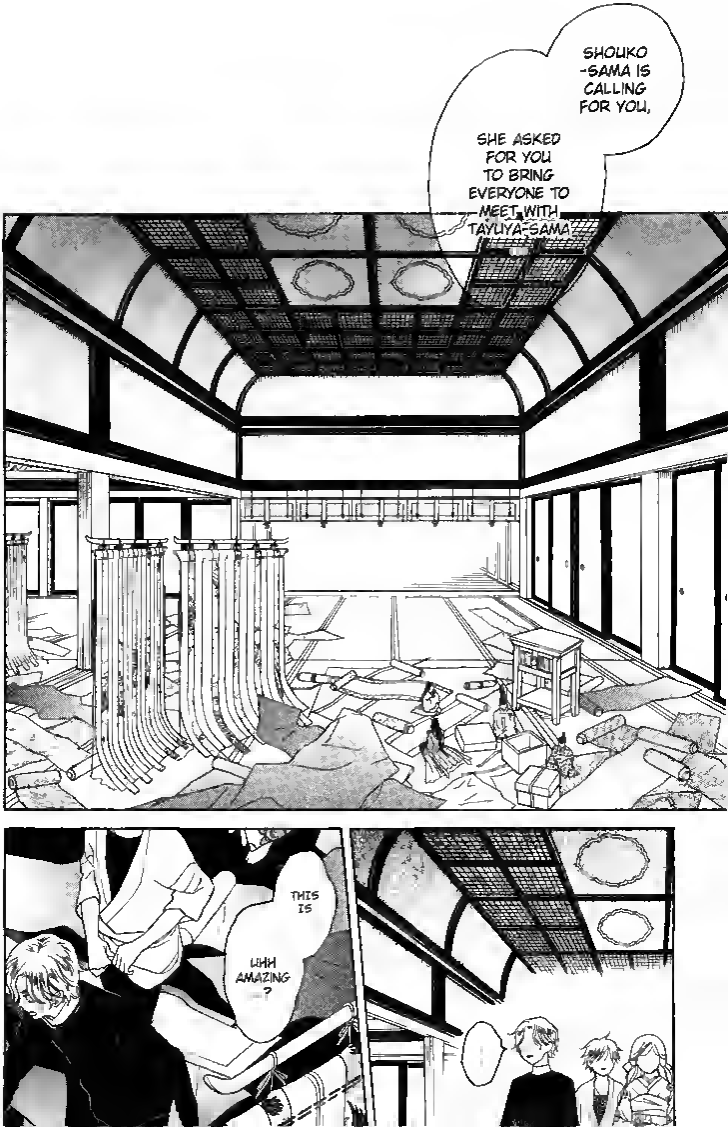
ARE YOU GUYS SISTERS ?


BUT THAT'S JUST HER APPEARANCE ...
ISNT IT ?

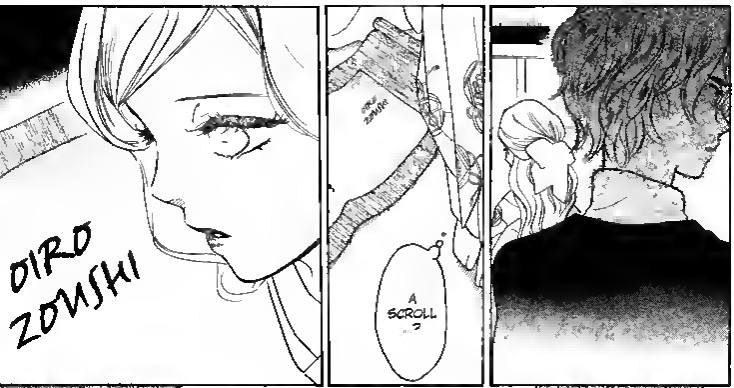
YEA
SHE LOOKS ABOUT THE SAME AGE
DID WE LOOK ALIKE ?
SO I KINDA THOUGHT SHE WAS YOUR TWIN SISTER

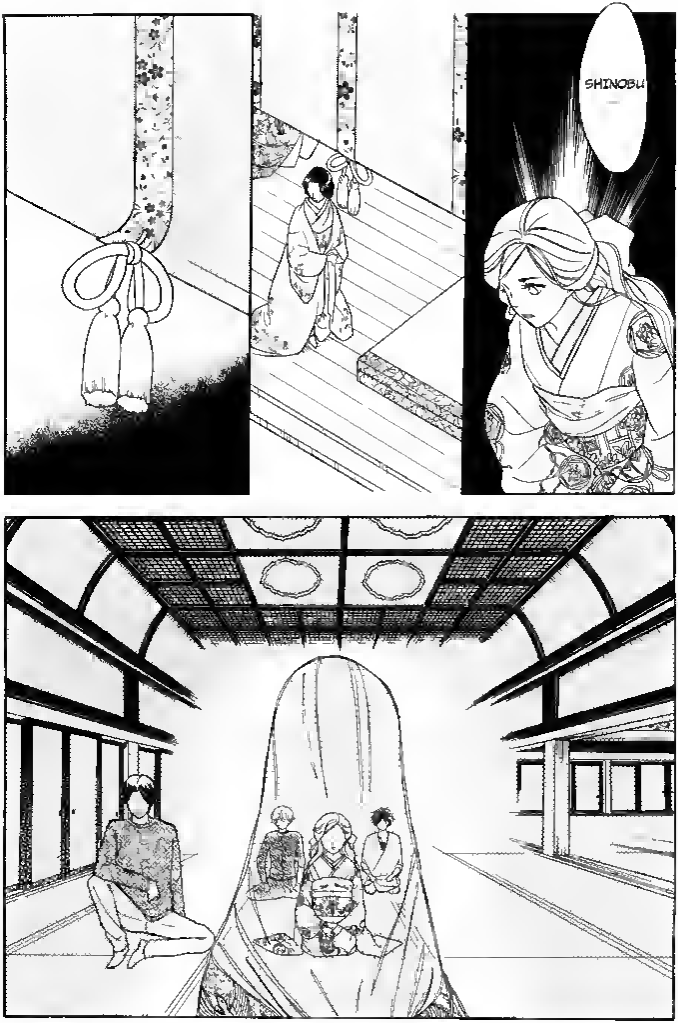
SA-

SHE LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE YOU THAT I GOT A SHOCK
SISTERS HUH ...?
EVEN I THOUGHT SO TOO IN THE BEGINNING ...
IS SHE MY
MY SISTER ?
EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA,
WHO THAT PERSON IS ...
BUT YOU'VE SEEN HER BEFORE
RIGHT ?
IF SO, WHY WERE YOU SO SHOCKED TO SEE HER AGAIN JUST NOW ?
SHOUGO -SAMA


SHOUKO -SAMA IS CALLING FOR YOU,
SHE ASKED FOR YOU TO BRING EVERYONE TO MEET WITH TAYUYA-SAMA
THIS IS
UHH AMAZING ?

THAT GIRL...?
HE TALKS AS IF HE IS VERY CLOSE TO HER
PLEASE WAIT HERE A MOMENT
THAT GIRL MESSES IT UP AGAIN EVERY SINGLE TIME WE CLEAN UP AFTER HER


OIRO ZOUSHI
GU ZUSH
A SCROLL...?


SHINOBU

IT'S HARD TO ESTIMATE THE TIME WITHOUT ANY WINDOWS IN HERE,
I WONDER WHAT TIME IT IS NOW
THEY SAID THEY WILL BE HERE UNTIL TONIGHT
"THIS REVENGE THAT IS ABOUT TO UNFOLD"
VGH
WH-
WHAT IS THIS ?
OIRO ZOUSHI
HUDDEN
THUD
OH
IT'S JUST A BOOK THAT DROPPED ON THE FLOOR

HMM
AN OLD TALE ? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT, IS THIS SOME KIND OF FOLKLORE ?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?
OH I KNOW THAT, IT'S THE OIRO-
HUH ?
'OIRO ZOUSHI' ...!
IT'S THE STORY OF A PITIFUL PRINCESS
SHE WAS KILLED BY A NINJA WHO WAS ALSO HER LOVER ...

YOUR FACE LOOKS PALE ...
SHINOBU -SAMA ...
LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH ...
YOU THERE !
DOES THIS NINJA BELONG TO YOU ?
HOW I ENVY YOU ...

SAY, SHOUKO ...?
WHEN WILL TORAHIKO RETURN TO ME ?
HOW MUCH ...
HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO WAIT
FOR MY NINJA TO RETURN TO MY SIDE ...?

Chapter 57

ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A CASTLE HIGH UP IN THE MOUNTAINS, THERE LIVED A KING WITH HIS PRINCE AND PRINCESS.

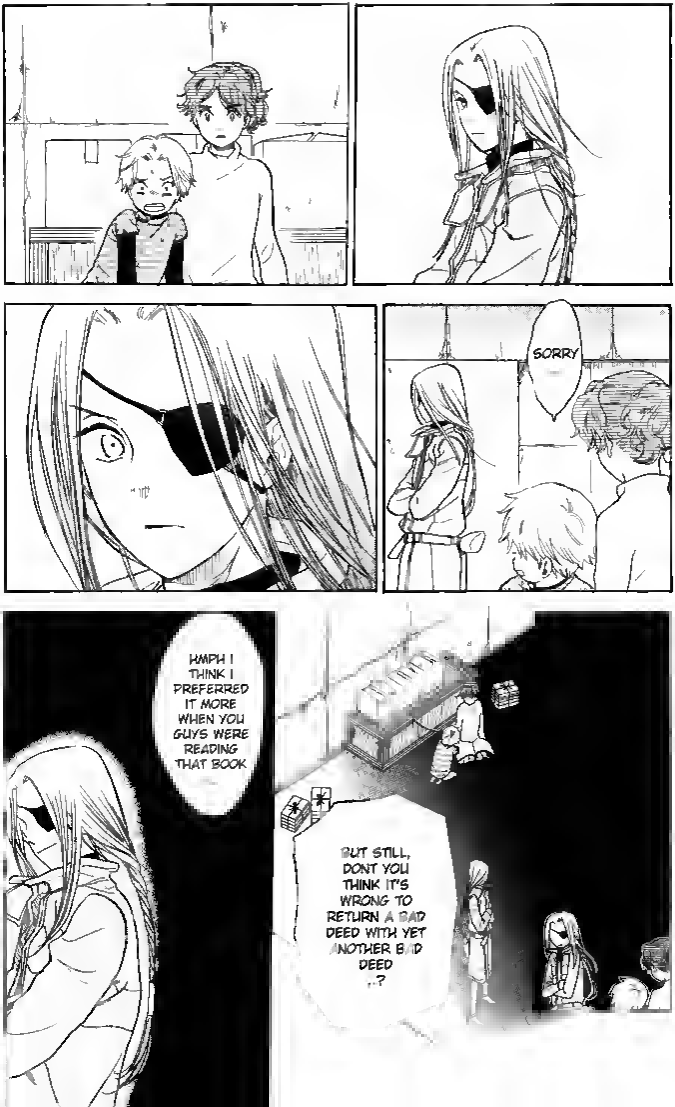
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS WERE VERY CLOSE TO EACH OTHER AND THEY ALWAYS DID EVERYTHING TOGETHER AND WENT EVERYWHERE TOGETHER.

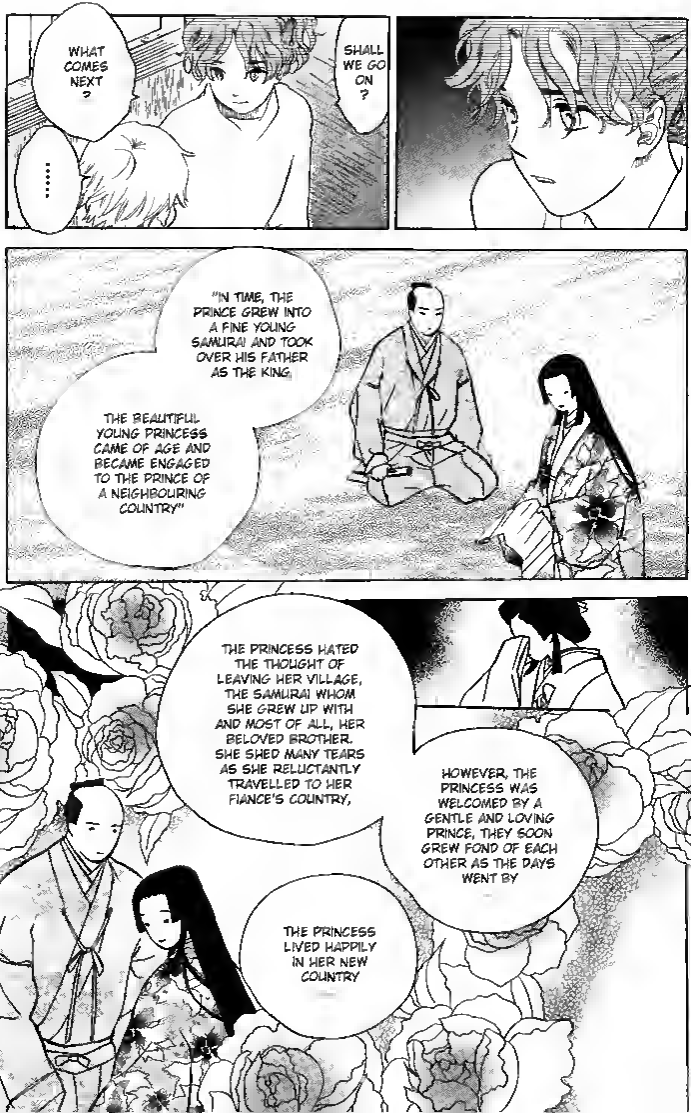
THE KING ASSIGNED A YOUNG SAMURAI TO WATCH OVER HIS BELOVED CHILDREN.

SEE THIS ?
MY MOTHER TOLD ME THAT THIS CHARACTER DRAWN AS A SAMURAI HERE ...
IS ACTUALLY A NINJA ..!
"THE NINJA TAUGHT THE YOUNG PRINCE HOW TO USE A SWORD AND TRAINED HIM DAY BY DAY,
THE PRINCESS USED TO WATCH HER BROTHER FROM AFAR,
EACH DAY WAS FILLED WITH JOY,
AS THEY WERE NEVER APART FROM EACH OTHER ...
I CANT TELL HOW MUCH TIME HAS PASSED
IT'S SO PAINFUL TO REMAIN SILENT,
IN THIS SITUATION ...
IT'S SO DARK IN HERE ...
SIGH

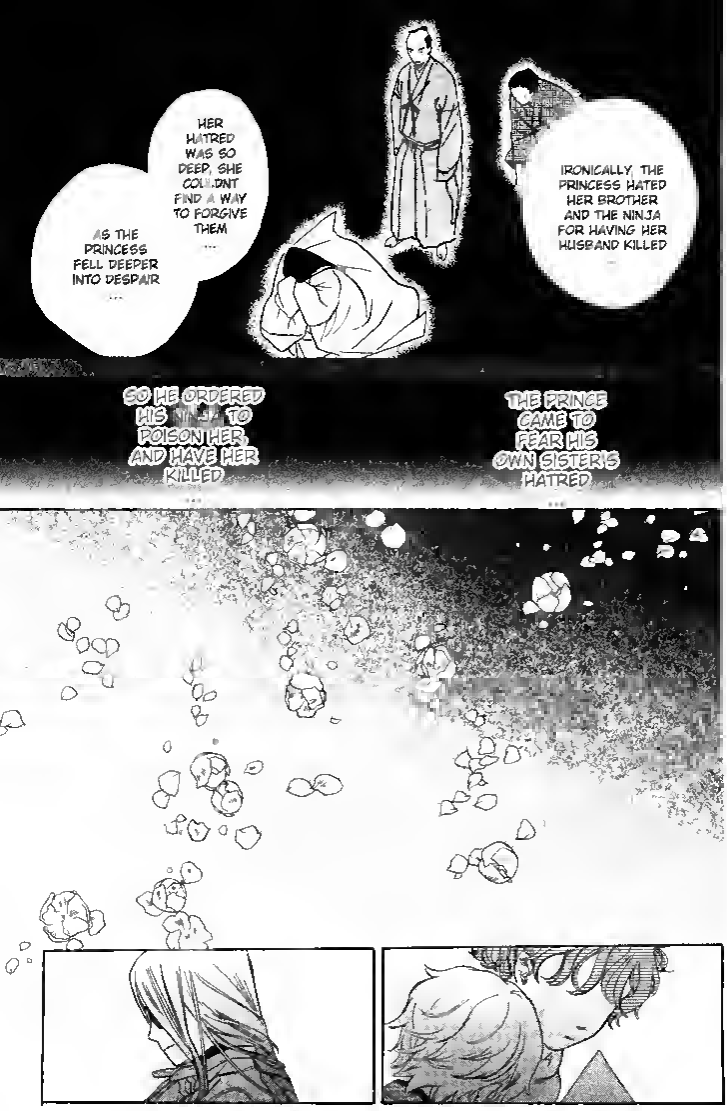
BLEH
HEY THERE
DO YOU GUYS REALLY HAVE TO READ SUCH A GRIM STORY OUT LOUD ?
AS TIME PASSED, THEY
WELL ! MUCH PREFER READING ABOUT A PAST TRAGEDY THAN FOCUSING ON THE ONE IN THE PRESENT
WHERE IS IT ?
IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A 'MISDEED' OR A 'SIN'
IT'S NOT FROM THIS BOOK. THAT GUY SAID IT JUST NOW
HEY WHAT IS A 'TRANSGRESSION' ?
THAT'S RIGHT,
AHH !

COME ON, TELL US WHAT EXACTLY HAVE THEY DONE TO ANGER YOU SO MUCH
HE SAID HE WANTED TO PUNISH THE 'TRANSGRESSIONS' OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY
THEY MURDERED MY FATHER ...


SORRY
HMPH I THINK I PREFERRED IT MORE WHEN YOU GUYS WERE READING THAT BOOK
BUT STILL, DONT YOU THINK IT'S WRONG TO RETURN A BAD DEED WITH YET ANOTHER BAD DEED ..?

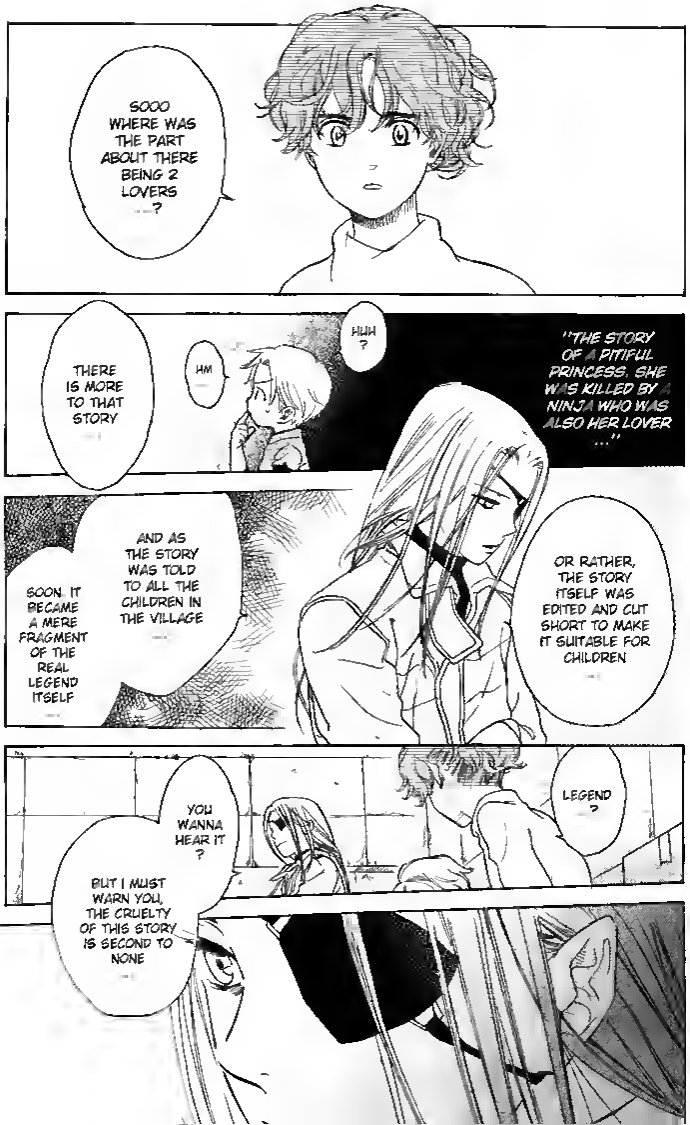

WHAT COMES NEXT ?
.....
SHALL WE GO ON ?
"IN TIME, THE PRINCE GREW INTO A FINE YOUNG SAMURAI AND TOOK OVER HIS FATHER AS THE KING.
THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PRINCESS CAME OF AGE AND BECAME ENGAGED TO THE PRINCE OF A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY"
THE PRINCESS HATED THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING HER VILLAGE, THE SAMURAI WHOM SHE GREW UP WITH AND MOST OF ALL, HER BELOVED BROTHER. SHE SHED MANY TEARS AS SHE RELUCTANTLY TRAVELLED TO HER FIANCE'S COUNTRY,
HOWEVER, THE PRINCESS WAS WELCOMED BY A GENTLE AND LOVING PRINCE, THEY SOON GREW FOND OF EACH OTHER AS THE DAYS WENT BY
THE PRINCESS LIVED HAPPILY IN HER NEW COUNTRY

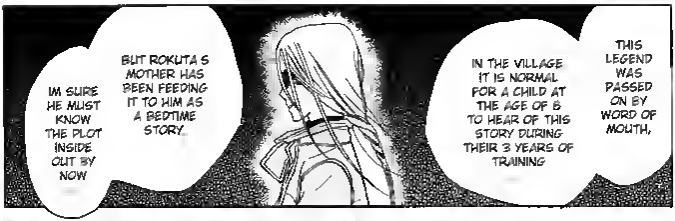
UNFORTUNATELY, BOTH COUNTRIES CAME TO WAR WITH EACH OTHER A FEW YEARS LATER
HER BROTHER CONQUERED HER NEW COUNTRY !
MEANWHILE, HE ALSO ORDERED HIS NINJA TO BRING THE PRINCESS BACK TO HIS SIDE

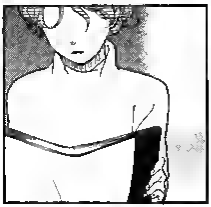

AS THE PRINCESS FELL DEEPER INTO DESPAIR ...
HER HATRED WAS SO DEEP, SHE COULDN'T FIND A WAY TO FORGIVE THEM ...
IRONICALLY, THE PRINCESS HATED HER BROTHER AND THE NINJA FOR HAVING HER HUSBAND KILLED
SO HE ORDERED HIS NINJA TO POISON HER, AND HAVE HER KILLED
THE PRINCE CAME TO FEAR HIS OWN SISTER'S HATRED

I WARNED YOU DIDN'T I ...?

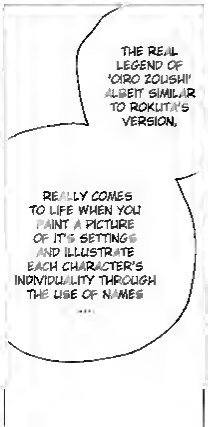
BUT SERIOUSLY, THIS DOESNT SEEM LIKE A CHILDREN'S BOOK AT ALL
BUT I HATED IT
WHY ?
SERIOUS
BECAUSE IT'S REALLY GLOOMY ...
BUT EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE KNOWS THIS STORY.
I HEARD THIS STORY FROM MY MOM TONS AND TONS OF TIMES WHEN I WAS YOUNGER
BESIDES
WHY COULDNT THE PRINCESS JUST LIVE HAPPILY SINCE SHE'S FINALLY RETURNED HOME ?
I UNDERSTAND
WELL, THAT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT SHE LOVED HER HUSBAND VERY VERY MUCH


SOOO WHERE WAS THE PART ABOUT THERE BEING 2 LOVERS ...?
"THE STORY OF A PITIFUL PRINCESS. SHE WAS KILLED BY A NINJA WHO WAS ALSO HER LOVER ..."
HUH ?
HM ...
THERE IS MORE TO THAT STORY ...
OR RATHER, THE STORY ITSELF WAS EDITED AND CUT SHORT TO MAKE IT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN ...
AND AS THE STORY WAS TOLD TO ALL THE CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE ...
SOON. IT BECAME A MERE FRAGMENT OF THE REAL LEGEND ITSELF ...
LEGEND ?
YOU WANNA HEAR IT ?
BUT I MUST WARN YOU, THE CRUELTY OF THIS STORY IS SECOND TO NONE ...

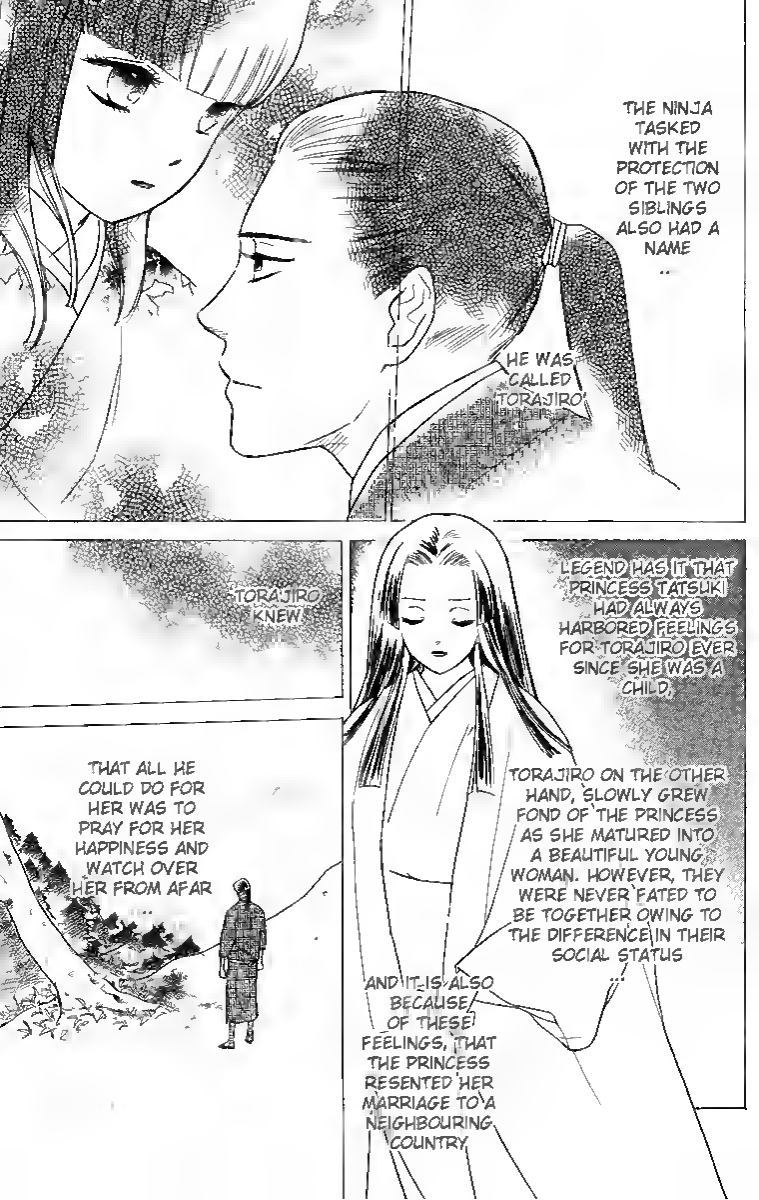

THIS LEGEND WAS PASSED ON BY WORD OF MOUTH,
IN THE VILLAGE IT IS NORMAL FOR A CHILD AT THE AGE OF 6 TO HEAR OF THIS STORY DURING THEIR 3 YEARS OF TRAINING
BUT ROKUTA'S MOTHER HAS BEEN FEEDING IT TO HIM AS A BEDTIME STORY.
IM SURE HE MUST KNOW THE PLOT INSIDE OUT BY NOW



JUST GET TO THE POINT ALREADY !
THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MAN, A SON NAMED TAKAYUKI AND A DAUGHTER NAMED TATSUKI
THE YOUNGER SISTER TATSUKI WAS BORN AT THE COST OF HER MOTHER'S LIFE AND SO TAKAYUKI, THE KIND AND LOVING ELDER BROTHER WAS ALWAYS BY HER SIDE WATCHING OVER HER AS SHE GREW UP
THE LEGEND BEGINS,
"SET IN THE MUROMACHI ERA, THERE LIVED A LORD NAMED HASO TAKAMASA WHO RULED OVER THE LAND KNOWN AS SHINSHUU!
"


THE REAL LEGEND OF 'OIRO ZOUSHI' ALBEIT SIMILAR TO ROKUTA'S VERSION,
REALLY COMES TO LIFE WHEN YOU PAINT A PICTURE OF IT'S SETTINGS AND ILLUSTRATE EACH CHARACTER'S INDIVIDUALITY THROUGH THE USE OF NAMES
...

Note : Again, 'Shinshuu' is the traditional name of the Province in Japan currently known as 'Nagano'


THE NINJA TASKED WITH THE PROTECTION OF THE TWO SIBLINGS ALSO HAD A NAME ...
HE WAS CALLED TORAJIRO
LEGEND HAS IT THAT PRINCESS TATSUKI HAD ALWAYS HARBORED FEELINGS FOR TORAJIRO EVER SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD.
TORAJIRO ON THE OTHER HAND, SLOWLY GREW FOND OF THE PRINCESS AS SHE MATURED INTO A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN. HOWEVER, THEY WERE NEVER FATED TO BE TOGETHER OWING TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR SOCIAL STATUS ...
AND IT IS ALSO BECAUSE OF THESE FEELINGS, THAT THE PRINCESS RESENTED HER MARRIAGE TO A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY
TORAJIRO KNEW
THAT ALL HE COULD DO FOR HER WAS TO PRAY FOR HER HAPPINESS AND WATCH OVER HER FROM AFAR ...

THEN, CAME THE TRAGEDY THAT IS THE WAR BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES

THE PRINCESS WAS GRIEF-STRICKEN, BUT THE REAL REASON FOR HER DEATH
IT IS BECAUSE ...
SHE WAS ALREADY PREGNANT WITH A CHILD ...

AND THE FATHER OF THE CHILD IS NONE OTHER THAN THE KING OF THE COUNTRY NOW AT WAR AGAINST HER BROTHER ....
CLAP
.....!
ONE LOOK WAS ALL IT TOOK FOR THE SAMURAI TO REALISE THAT THINGS COULD NEVER RETURN TO THE WAY THEY ONCE WERE ...
AT THE TIME OF THE WAR, SHE HAD ALREADY BEEN CLOSE TO 9 MONTHS PREGNANT.
"I WANT YOU TO END MY LIFE ALONG WITH THIS CHILD'S ..."
"I AM SURE BROTHER WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS CHILD TO LIVE EVEN IF I MANAGE TO GIVE BIRTH TO MY BABY SAFELY"

HEARING THIS, HER BROTHER TAKAYUKI PREPARED A VIAL OF POISON FOR TORAJIRO
...
"PLEASE KILL ME TORAJIRO
..."
"KILL ME BEFORE MY HATRED FOR BROTHER AND YOU CONSUMES ME ENTIRELY ..."

"REMEMBER ALL THE FUN WE HAD IN THE PAST ..."

I KNEW IT WAS GLOOMY AFTER ALL !!
YOU KNOW THE TEMPLE WHERE WE HELD SHINORU -SAMA CAPTIVE ...?
THE TOMB OF PRINCESS TATSUKI REMAINS THERE UP TO THIS DAY ...
PRINCESS TATSUKI WAS GIVEN A PROPER BURIAL,
AND TORAJIRO VOWED TO VISIT HER GRAVE EVERY SINGLE DAY FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE ...

SASUKE MISHIMA

なんかキラキラした
神がせおえないよ
…(神のほ本
当にキモ好き)
とっても良いほかんじだけど せめるとは
「つかず離れず」の
距離 が良いタイプの
ほには イライラ
ました。ヤレヤレ。
なんだろうな

CHIYO KAKEI

平代先生のエピソードはもう
少しページを割けたら良かったな。
60話辺りで後しばらくかえさんの
平代先生の復讐における
思いが描けたら
理解、ってことは
どこ書いてごかんなさい。
本編で描くべきエピソードだったと
思うので…。

THAT PLACE USED TO BE THE HASO FAMILY TEMPLE BACK IN THE DAY UNTIL THE MEIJI ERA, WHEN THE HEAD PRIEST CHOSE TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION

THESE BUILDINGS THAT WERE LEFT BEHIND ARE NOW USED BY THE CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE AS TRAINING GROUNDS

THE MAN WHO IS YOSHITO-SAMA'S BEST FRIEND,

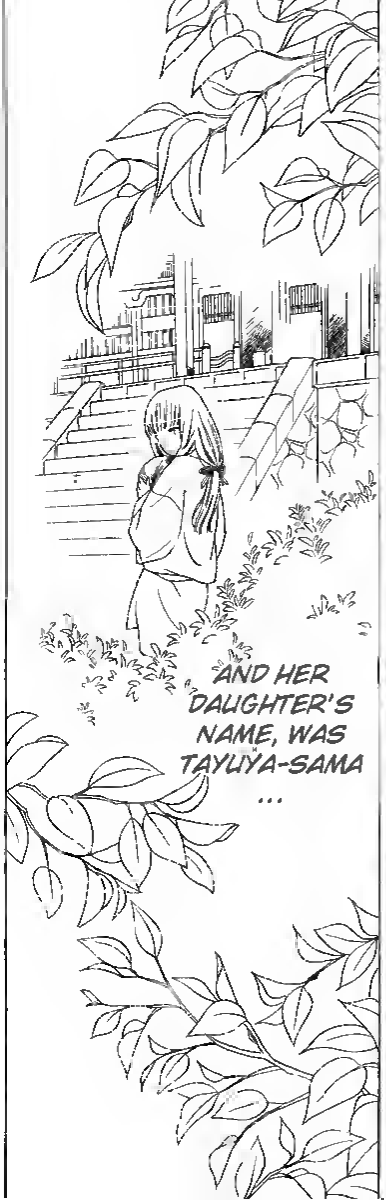
OR **WAS**, HIS BEST FRIEND...?

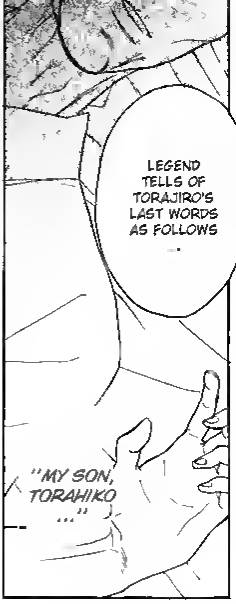
MASTER KOUDA SHOUGO

HE IS THE DESCENDANT OF THE VERY MONK WHO FOUNDED THAT TEMPLE

HAPPENED RIGHT HERE MANY MANY YEARS AGO ..?
DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE STORY OF THE 'OIRO ZOUSHI'
HOLD ON A MINUTE !
EH ?
THAT MUST BE ONE OF THE REASONS HE CAN STAND TALL AND WALK BOLDLY AMONGST THE OSHIRO FAMILY
YOSHITO
SHIGETO ?
WHAT IS IT ?
LET'S CONTINUE WITH THE STORY, SHALL WE ..?

NAH, IT'S JUST THAT THE TOPIC IN THERE IS GETTING INTERESTING
SAY YOSHITO, DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE 'OIRO ZOUSHI' ?
OF COURSE I DO, EVERYONE WHO WAS BROUGHT UP IN THE VILLAGE REMEMBERS THAT STORY
IN HIS LATE YEARS,
TORAJIRO HAD A SON WITH A WOMAN OF THE VILLAGE
"AS I PAY MY RESPECTS TO PRINCESS TATSUKI EACH DAY, I'VE BEEN SECRETLY WATCHING OVER AND PROTECTING THAT FIGURE I ALWAYS GLIMPSE THROUGH THE WINDOWS"
"THERE IS A SECRET I'VE BEEN KEEPING FROM LORD TAKAYUKI AFTER ALL THESE YEAR OF VISITING PRINCESS TATSUKI'S GRAVE ..."
HE LEFT THE BOY A MESSAGE BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY
"I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK OF YOU BEFORE I GO"
"AND I WISH FOR YOU TO TAKE OVER THAT DUTY IN MY PLACE ..."





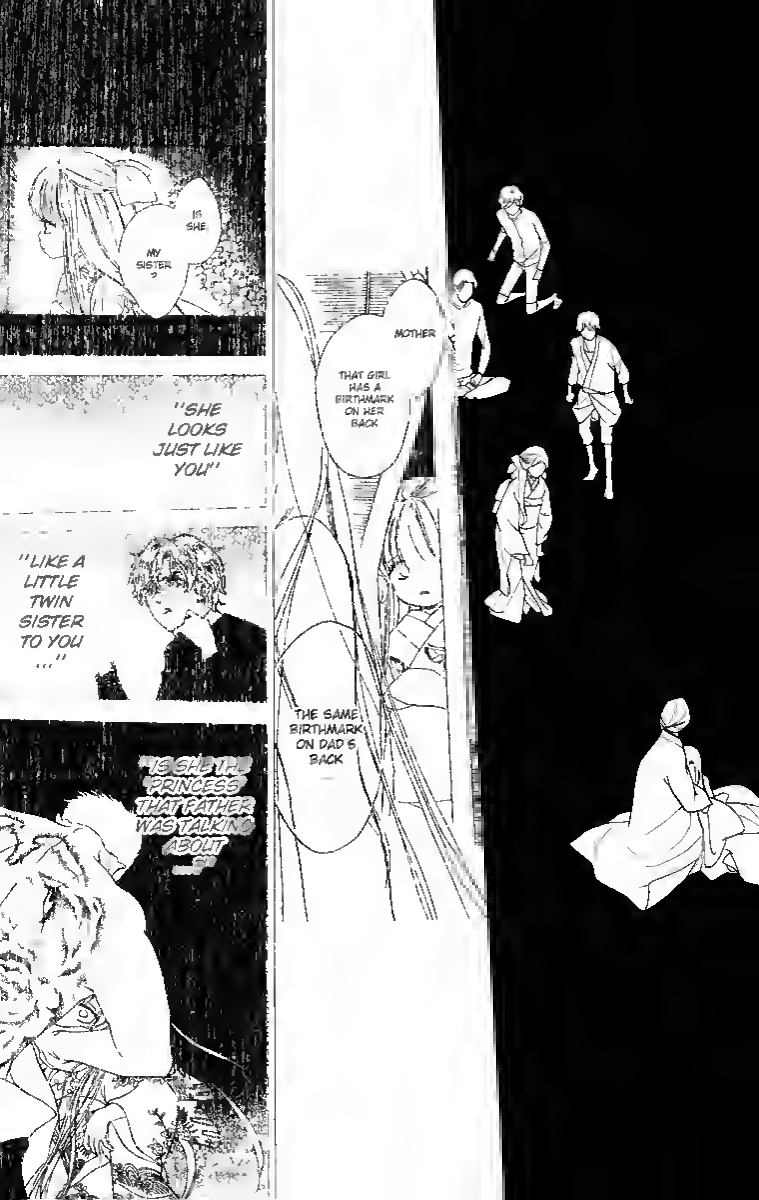
"THOUGH IT IS THE UNDENIABLE TRUTH THAT PRINCESS TATSUKI DIED BY THESE WORTHLESS HANDS OF MINE,

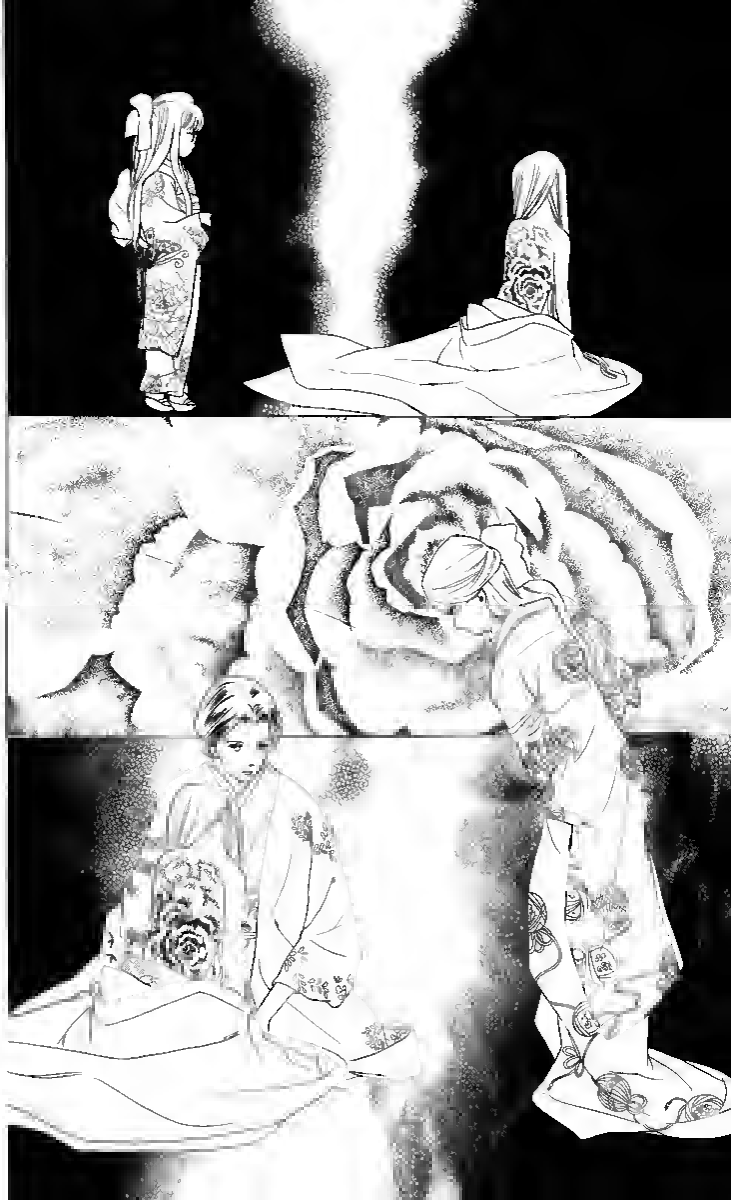
SHE ROSE TO HEAVEN AND REINCARNATED AS AN ANGEL TO GAVE LIFE TO THE BABY SHE HAD BEFORE SHE DIED"

THIS LADY IS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN HER CONSCIOUS -NESS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME
SHE FELL ASLEEP ?
WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON ?
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HER WHEN SHE WAKES UP
SASUKE, SAIZOU, I ASK THAT YOU TWO REMAIN HERE AND WAIT PATIENTLY

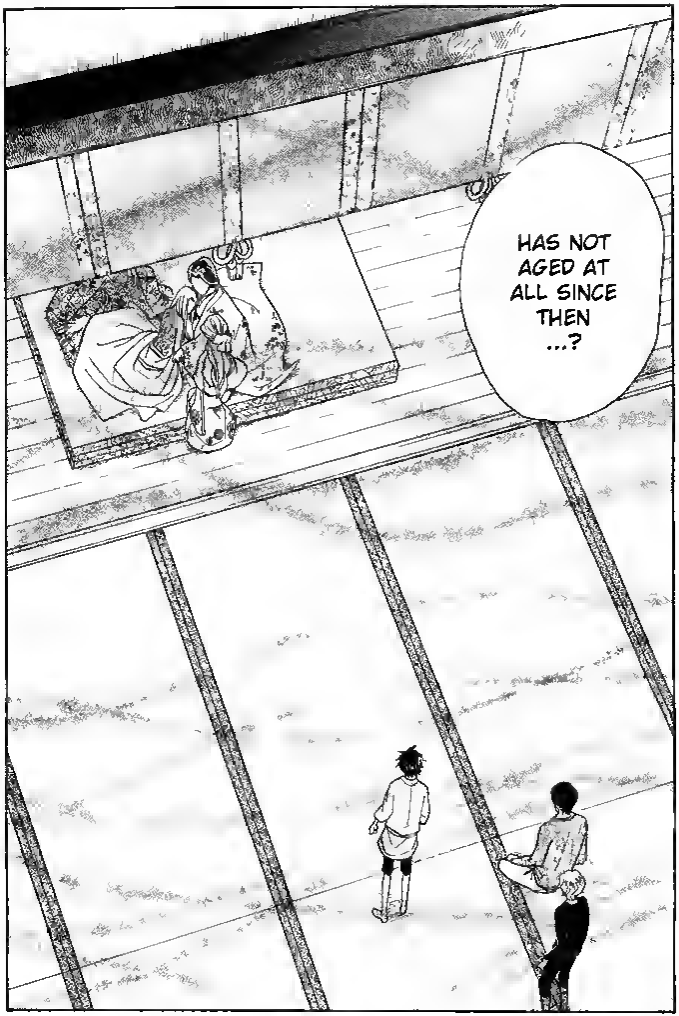
SHINOBU,
COME HERE ...

CLATTER


IS SHE
MY SISTER ?
"SHE LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU"
"LIKE A LITTLE TWIN SISTER TO YOU ..."
"IS SHE THE PRINCESS THAT FATHER WAS TALKING ABOUT ?"
MOTHER
THAT GIRL HAS A BIRTHMARK ON HER BACK
THE SAME BIRTHMARK ON DAD'S BACK



MOTHER
FROM MY CHILDHOOD MEMORY ....
THAT PERSON WHOM I'VE ONLY SEEN ONCE IN MY LIFE
IN A SECRET CHAMBER HIDDEN UNDERGROUND ...
WHY IS IT ...?
THIS PERSON ...


HAS NOT AGED AT ALL SINCE THEN ...?

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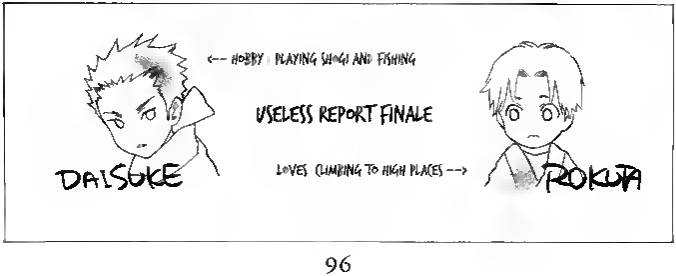
IT ALL BEGAN
15 YEARS AGO WHEN SHINOBU WAS BORN
PLEASE TELL ME IF IT IS MY MISUNDERSTANDING
MOTHER ...
THAT PRINCESS ?
HASNT AGED AT ALL ?


<--- HOBBY : PLAYING SHOGI AND FISHING
USELESS REPORT FINALE
LOVES CLIMBING TO HIGH PLACES --->
DAISUKE
ROKUTA

MY LATE HUSBAND BROUGHT ME HERE TO MEET HER
I'LL NEVER FORGET IT ...
MY LATE HUSBAND WHO ALWAYS HAD SUCH A STERN AND RIGID EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE ,
ALWAYS LOOKED SO LOVING WHEN HE WAS WITH HER ...

REMAINS BURNED INTO MY MIND TILL THIS DAY ...
THE SIGHT OF HIM HOLDING HER IN HIS HANDS ...
HE ONCE SAID TO ME
TAYUYA -SAMA IS A VERY PITIFUL PERSON ...
BA—
DUMP
HER FATHER WAS GONE SINCE HER BIRTH AND SHE NEVER HAD A MOTHER ...
SHE IS THE ONE AND ONLY ...

RISEN FROM THE GRAVE,
GNAKLE
MY BACK
...
MY BACK IS BURNING ...
FROM THE ERA OF THE 'OIRO ZOUSHI' ...
LIVING AMONGST US IN THE PRESENT ...

DOES THAT MEAN THE BABY IN HER STOMACH WAS COMPLETELY UNHURT ...?
YUP, AND TORAJIRO WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO REALISED THAT
AS THE LITTLE BABY WAS BORN A GIRL
HE BROUGHT THE CHILD TO AN AFFILIATED TEMPLE FOR HER TO BE RAISED THERE
AS AN ANGEL ...?
IT'S JUST A METAPHOR USED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE ERA.
TURNS OUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO DIED FROM THE POISON WAS PRINCESS TATSUKI
AND THAT PERSON,
IS NONE OTHER THAN TAYUYA ...

HAH ..
YOU'RE JOKING RIGHT ?
SHOCK
.....
NO
YOU'RE NOT ?
THAT ...
THAT SOUNDS COMPLETELY ABSURD ...
NO WAY,
IF HER GROWTH WAS STUNTED FOR JUST A FEW YEARS, THAT MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME SENSE
BUT YOU SAY SHE IS FROM THE MUROMACHI ERA ?
BUT THAT'S ....

THAT SHE IS IMMORTAL ...!
THAT MEANS ...

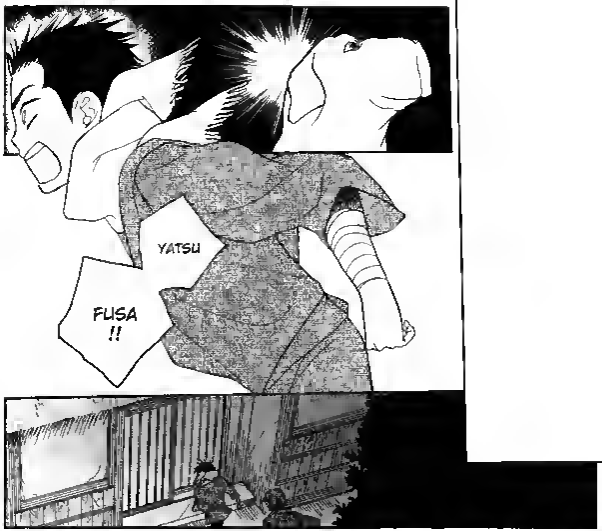
IS IT BECAUSE THEY KNEW ABOUT THIS,
THAT MY PARENTS WERE KILLED !?
LET'S NOT TOUCH ON THAT TOPIC FOR NOW OKAY ...?
DO YOU GUYS KNOW THE STORY OF THE 'OIRO ZOUSHI' ?
IT'S TIME ...
CRACKLE
CLAP
CRACKLE
SOON, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CLAN HEADS GATHERED BY THE OLD MINISTERS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY WILL COME ASKING ABOUT THE REBELLION OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY,
WE WILL CONTINUE THIS AFTER -WARDS

SHOUKO-SAN AND SHINO HAVE DUTIES TO ATTEND TO AS THE MASTERS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY.
SHINO
OKAY
.....?

IS THAT THE END OF THE STORY ?
NO
BUT TOO BAD WE'RE OUT OF TIME
IF YOU INTERESTED, WHY DONT YOU ASK SHINOBU -SAMA TO CONTINUE THE STORY FOR YOU
RIGHT ?
YOSHITO -SAMA ...
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR LITTLE TALK
YULIRI,
IT'S ALMOST TIME, GO GET READY
GOTCHA

SST
WELL NOW ...
PSSST
!?

FWUMP
ROKUTA -KUN !
IM SORRY BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO STICK WITH US A LITTLE LONGER ...
I ONLY NEED ONE HOST AGE ...


YATSU
FUSA
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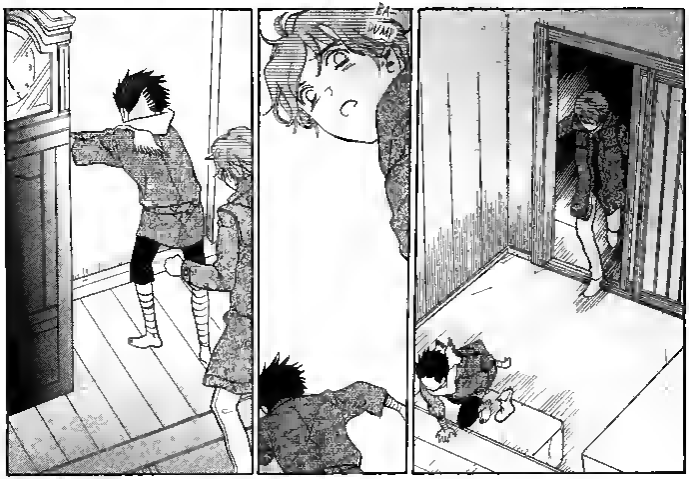

EA-
WAI

ROKUTA !
ROKUTA !!
ROKUTA
HARUMI ...!
THAT'S WHY I SAID ...
I WAS AGAINST LETTING THE BOTH OF THEM GO ALONE !

NO THEY WERE JUST UNLUCKY THAT'S ALL
BUT THAT DOESNT EXPLAIN WHY ALL 4 OF US (PLUS ONE DOG) SHOULDNT HAVE WENT TOGETHER
YOUR SISTER WAS WORRIED ABOUT SHINOBU -SAMA AND INSISTED ON LOOKING FOR HER
I ONLY OBJECTED BECAUSE CHIYO-SAN TOLD US NOT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE
BUT SINCE SHE PERSISTED, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SEND AN ESCORT ALONG THAN TO LET HER GO ALONE
DO YOU WANT US ALL TO HAVE GOTTEN CAUGHT ...?
FIRST OF ALL, I NEVER EXPECTED THE MISHIMA FAMILY TO COME TO MY HOME IN SEARCH OF HOSTAGES,
AT LEAST I SENT YA'SUFUSA OUT TO LOOK FOR SIGNS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY AND REPORT BACK TO US,
THAT WAY, WE ENDED UP COMING HERE TO LOOK FOR HIM SINCE HE NEVER MADE IT BACK
LIKE I SAID ...
BUT IT ENDED WITH ALL OF US COMING DOWN TO THE VILLAGE ANYWAY !
GLARE
GYA AA !!
KEEP IT DOWN !!

IM SORRY
OH NO
IN FACT,
WE SHOULDNT HAVE TROUBLED YOU
WASNT ABLE TO DO ANYTHING
!
HEY
LOOK AT THAT ...
WHY,
UHHM ..
AREN'T YOU NEZU'S LITTLE BOY, DAISUKE
MAY I KNOW WHY EVERYONE IS GATHERED HERE ?
WELL IT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT THE MISHIMA FAMILY

EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE KNOWS THE MISHIMA BROTHERS,
AND THEIR PARENTS WHO PASSED AWAY AT AN EARLY AGE WERE BOTH HONOURABLE PEOPLE WHO EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE VILLAGE
...
WHY DID THINGS HAVE TO TURN OUT THIS WAY
...
OHH
...
UHM
BUT AT THE MOMENT, OUR REPRESENTATIVE HAS WENT TO THE OSHIRO TO ASK FOR DETAILS
...
NOT ONLY THE ELDEST WHO IS TO SUCCEED THE FAMILY, BUT ALL OF THEM ARE WISE AND CAPABLE YOUNG MEN
...
WHAT REASON WOULD THEY HAVE TO REBEL
...
SOMETHING PRETTY EXTREME MUST HAVE HAPPENED FOR THEM TO DO THIS
...
CHATTER
CHATTER

SHOCK
WHO IS THAT !!
HOW DARE YOU MAKE SUCH PREPOSTEROUS STATEMENTS !
FOR EXAMPLE ...
OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY ...?
A CRUDDE ...
CHATTER
CHATTER
SOMETHING EXTREME ....?
SOMETHING THE MINISTERS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY ARE WELL AWARE OF ...

WHAT COULD HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SUCH A GRUDGE AGAINST THE OSHIRO-
...
(HATTER
WE CANNOT DENY THAT, HOWEVER
...
(HATTER
WAIT JUST A MINUTE,
(HATTER
THAT'S TRUE,
THEY WERE NEVER CHARACTERS WHO CRAVED POWER OR AUTHORITY
...
EH ?
BUT I THOUGHT THEIR PARENTS WERE KILLED-
.
SILENCE ...
GRAB

CHATTER
LET'S GO !
EH !?
WAIT UP !!
DAISUKE ...
WHAT'S THE MATTER !?
YOU IDIOT !!!

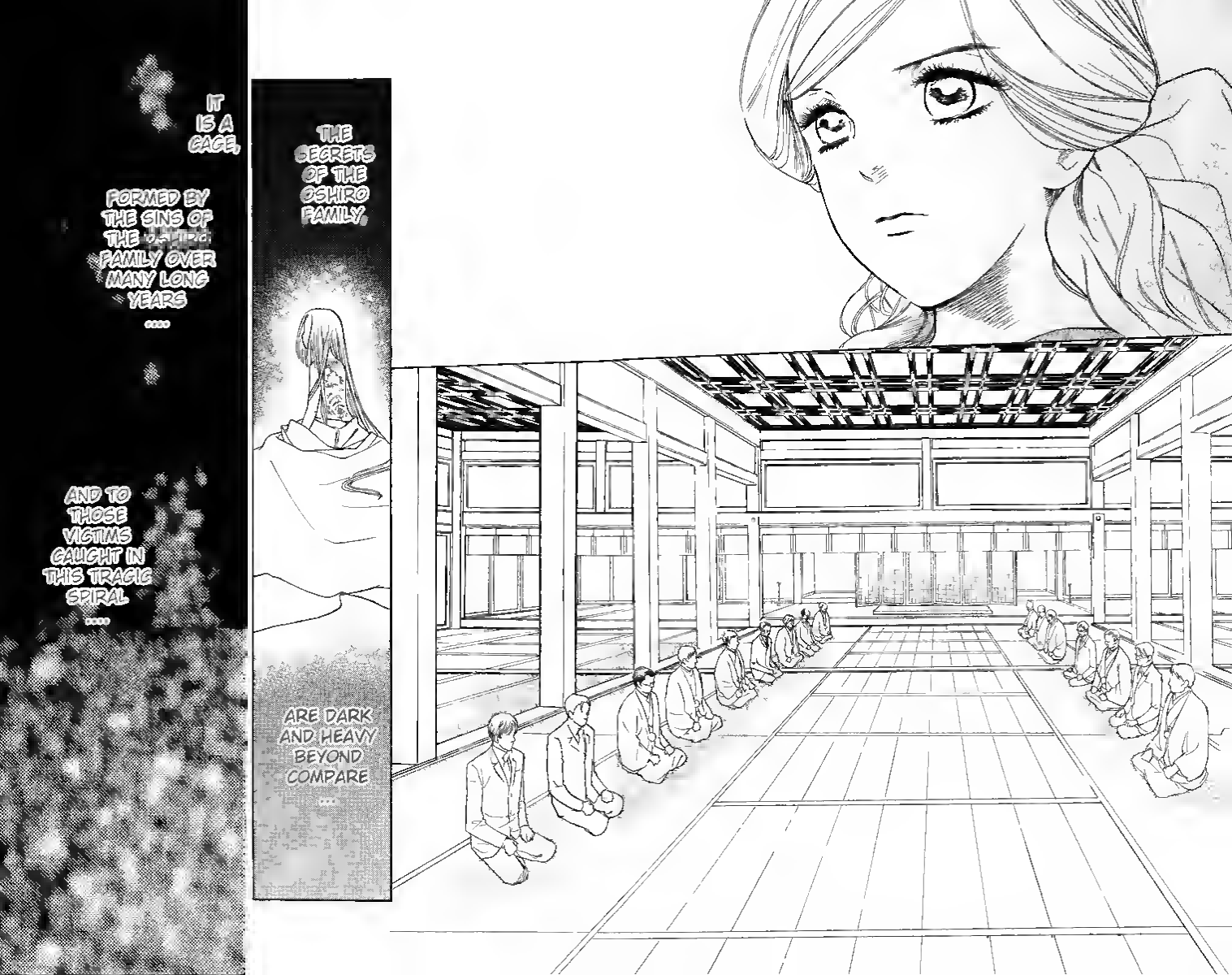
THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNAWARE OF THE REASON FOR THEIR REBELLION
WE'RE HEADING FOR THE MANSION!
ARE YOU SURE IT IS ALRIGHT TO LEAVE TAYUY I-S AMA ALONE IN THERE ?
SHOUKO-SAN INSISTS ON DOING IT PERSONALLY AS MUCH AS HER TIME ALLOWS IT
USUALLY, NO ONE IS ALLOWED NEAR HER EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR HER DAILY NEEDS LIKE FOOD AND HYGIENE.
NO PROBLEM AT ALL

MAY I RETURN TO SHINOBU -SAMA'S SIDE TO PROTECT HER ?
OF COURSE
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY YOU BUT I WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND SUPPORT YOU WITH INFORMATION
OH.
HERE YOU GO,
YOU CAN WAIT IN THIS ROOM
.....
HM ?
WHY
HOW IRONIC, THAT I AM THE ONE WHO WAS THE TRAITOR
WE CANNOT BRING HIM TO PLACES WHERE THE MINISTERS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY WOULD CATCH SIGHT OF HIM
SASUKE
WON'T DO
HE IS AFTER ALL, A SON OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY

WHY DID YOU TELL SASUKE ABOUT THE TATTOO ON SHINOBU -SAMA'S BACK ?
AND ALLOW HIM TO MEET WITH TAYUYA -SAMA
IS IT TO TIE HIM DOWN TO THE OSHIRO FAMILY SIDE ...?
SASUKE IS A VERY COMPASSIONATE PERSON
IT IS IMPERATIVE TO MAKE SHINO'S SITUATION SEEM AS PITIFUL AS POSSIBLE TO BRING SASUKE OVER ON OUR SIDE,
OF COURSE I'D LIKE TO TIE HIM DOWN
BUT TO TIE HIM DOWN TO SHINO'S SIDE AND NOT THAT OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY,
I AM WILLING TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN
THAT'S CRUEL OF YOU

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, AFTER WATCHING IT HAPPEN SILENTLY WITHOUT INTERFERING
IN FACT, YOUR CHARACTER IS THE MOST DIFFICULT TYPE THERE IS TO DEAL WITH
YOU COULDN'T CARE LESS FOR ANYONE ELSE ASIDE FROM THE PERSON THAT YOU HAVE SET YOUR HEART ON
IM SURE YOSHITO HAS HAD HIS SHARE OF PAIN AND SUFFERINGS TOO
I SURE AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE THERE FOR SHINO WHEN SHE NEEDS IT,
BUT
YOU'RE STILL LACKING IN THE EMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WHISPERED INTO SHINOBU -SAMA'S EARS A MOMENT AGO -.?
UHM ...
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF SHOUKO -SAN ...
SHE WATCHED OVER AND CARED FOR YOU THE WHOLE TIME WITHOUT ANY REST
WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS THE WHOLE OF LAST NIGHT,


IT IS A CAGE,
FORMED BY THE SINS OF THE [illegible] FAMILY OVER MANY LONG YEARS ....
AND TO THOSE VICTIMS CAUGHT IN THIS TRAGIC SPIRAL ....
THE SECRETS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY,
ARE DARK AND HEAVY BEYOND COMPARE ...

IS IT POSSIBLE TO SAVE ...
THOSE PEOPLE WHO REMAIN TRAPPED IN THE REALITY OF THIS NIGHTMARE ...?

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THOSE GATHERED HERE TODAY,
INCLUDE THE MINISTERS WHO MANAGE ALL INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY
AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VILLAGE CLANS
AT THE SAME TIME,
YOU COULD ALSO DESCRIBE THIS COMPOSITION AS,
THE FORMER WHO KNOWS EVERY SECRET OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY, AND THE LATTER WHO HAVE BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK ALL THIS WHILE

THE CHILDREN OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY MUST HAVE UNCOVERED THE TRUTH BEHIND THEIR PARENT'S DEATH FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE
WE MUST NOW COME UP WITH AN ALIBI TO COUNTER THIS MATTER
AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON EXPLAINING THE REASON BEHIND MISHIMA'S BETRAYAL TO THEM ?
WE WILL REVEAL TO THEM THE TRUTH BEHIND SHINOBU -SAMA'S BIRTH ....

WE'LL SAY THAT THE MISHIMA PARENTS USED INFIDELITY AS A REASON TO CONDEMN THE OSHIRO FAMILY AND ATTEMPTED TO STAGE A COUP,
THEY ALSO TRIED TO HARM SHOUKO -SAMA
IN ADDITION TO THE ASSASINATION OF THE LATE MASTER ....
THERE-FORE ...

CHATTER
WHAT ARE YOU SO DESPERATE TO PROTECT THAT YOU WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO DEFILE THE NAME OF A DECEASED PERSON !

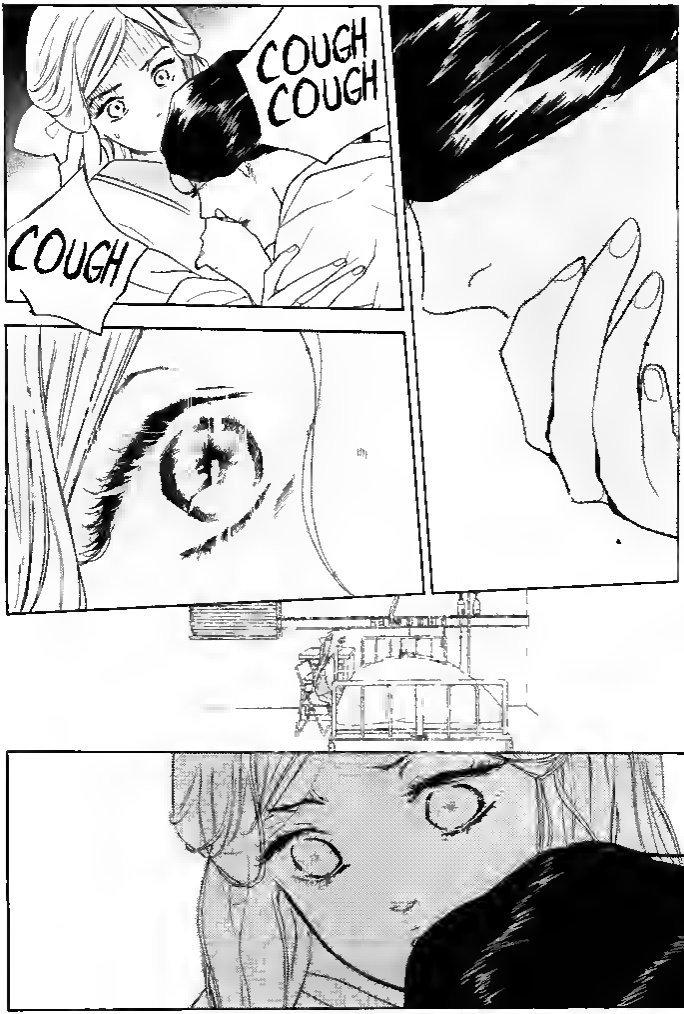
EVERYONE LISTEN UP !
THE REBELLION OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY ...
THAT IS ...
THE RESULT OF A CHILD'S HATRED FROM HAVING THEIR PARENTS MURDERED ...!
BUZZ

SHOUKO -SAMA !
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS !
WHAT IN THE WORLD
THE LATE MASTER OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY MURDERED THE OKU AND MISHIMA FAMILY PARENTS
YEARS
IT WAS SAID THAT THEY LOST THEIR LIVES DURING A DANGEROUS MISSION
BUT THE MISHIMA CHILDREN FOUND OUT THE TRUTH BEHING THIS COVER UP STORY
THE REASON THEY WERE KILLED,
WAS BECAUSE THEY UNCOVERED THE DARKEST SECRETS OF THE OSHIRO FAMILY
THESE FRIGHTENING SECRETS
HAVE BEEN GUARDED BY THE OSHIRO FAMILY OVER GENERATIONS PAST
...

SHOUKO -SAMA !
PLEASE STOP THIS !
CLATTER
BUT NOW, I AM PREPARED TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ...
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT !
THE MINISTERS ALL SEEM TO BE AWARE OF WHAT LADY SHOUKO IS TALKING ABOUT,
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO STOP HER FROM SPEAKING !?
SILENCE ..!

SHOUKO-SAMA! DO YOU INTEND TO BRING THE ENTIRE VILLAGE UNDER A STATE OF DISORDER ...!?
!
...
FOR A VERY VERY LONG TIME ...
HAVE WANTED NOTHING BUT TO BREAK FREE FROM THIS CAGE ....

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, MOTHER ...
MOTHER !
MOTHER !!


COUGH
COUGH
COUGH

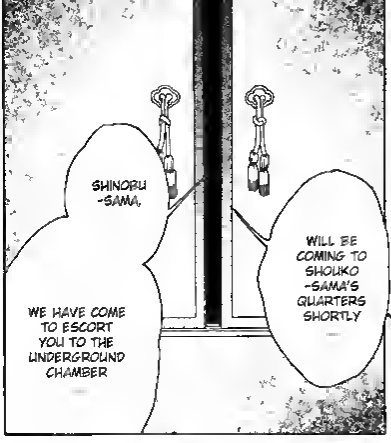
LET ME CARRY HER
SHOU-NI!SAMA
THAT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY !
HURRY UP AND CALL THE DOCTORS !
SOMEONE GET HER BEDROOM READY ...
I LEAVE SHOUKO -SAN IN YOUR HANDS
YOU GO WITH HER,
MASTER KOUDA PLEASE COME THIS WAY
SOMEONE ELSE PLEASE CARRY SHOUKO-SAMA TO HER ROOM

SHINOBU -SAMA,
YOUR CHANGE OF CLOTHES

I NEVER EXPECTED SHOUKO -SAMA TO BETRAY US ....
AND WHAT OF THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES ...?
CONFUSION IS SURE TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE AFTER SHOUKO -SAN'S OUTBURST
WE WILL DETAIN HER IN THE MANSION FOR THE TIME BEING,
SHE WONT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNTIL WE REACH AN AGREEMENT
MASTER KOUDA ...
IS THIS CLEAR, MASTER KOUDA ?
WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE PROTECTING THE OSHIRO FAMILY ...

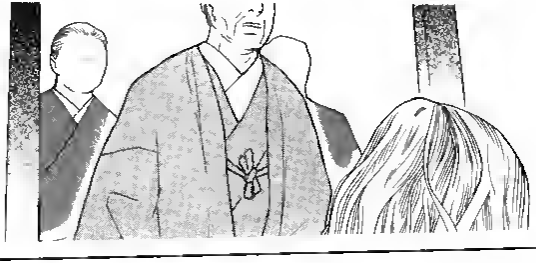
WE CANNOT LET THIS GO NOW THAT THE LADY HAS CHOSEN THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION ...
FROM THIS DAY ONWARD, TAYUYA -SAMA WILL BE LEFT IN OUR CUSTODY
WE WILL ASK FOR SHINOBU -SAMA'S COOPERATION ON THIS MATTER
WE CANNOT ALLOW HER TO RUIN THE OSHIRO FAMILY ...

SHINOBU -SAMA
MASTER KOUDA,
HENCEFORTH, WE WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER
WE ASK THAT YOU TAKE NOTE OF YOUR ACTIONS ALONG WITH SHOUKO -SAMA
.....!


SHINOBU -SAMA,
WE HAVE COME TO ESCORT YOU TO THE UNDERGROUND CHAMBER
WILL BE COMING TO SHOUKO -SAMA'S QUARTERS SHORTLY

WHO IS THAT ?
I'LL BE GOING SOON
MASTER KOUDA

ALTHOUGH, YOU WILL ONLY BE ACCOMPANYING US UP TO THE SEALED DOORS

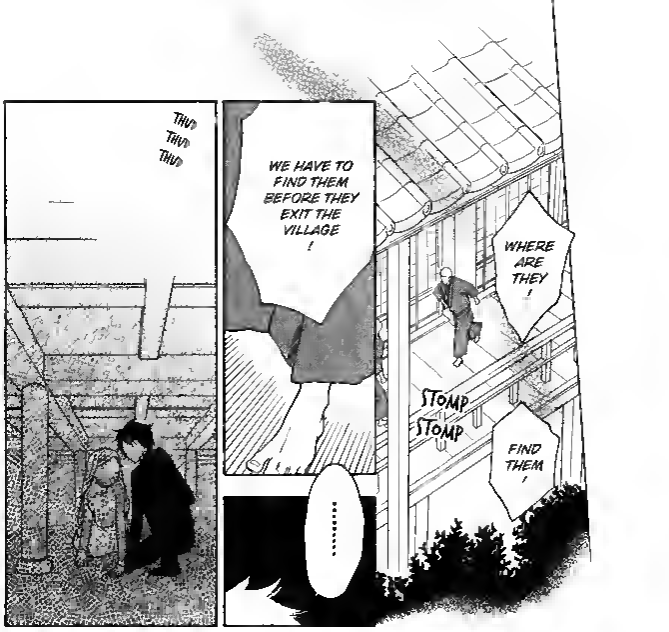


FWOOSH
WHA-.!?
FWIP
SHINOBU-SAMA, DOWN STAIRS!!

WHUMP
PLEASE HURRY, SHINOBU -SAMA !
WE'LL OPEN UP AN ESCAPE ROUTE FOR YOU,
THIS WAY !
GRAB

WE WERE INSTRUCTED BY SHOUKO-SAMA A FEW DAYS AGO,
TO BRING YOU OUT OF THE VILLAGE IF ANYTHING ABNORMAL WERE TO OCCUR WITHIN THE OSHIRO FAMILY
CHASE THEM !
RETREIVE SHINOBU -SAMA AT ALL COSTS ..!
THE *KUNOICHI DIVISION IS DIRECTLY UNDER THE COMMAND OF SHOUKO -SAMA
SAIZOU
PLEASE ESCAPE OUTSIDE THE WALLS OF THE MANSION, THERE WILL BE ONE OF US WAITING TO RECEIVE YOU OUT THERE ...

*Note: 'Kunoichi' refers to female ninjas


THUD
THUD
THUD
WE HAVE TO FIND THEM BEFORE THEY EXIT THE VILLAGE !
WHERE ARE THEY !
STOMP STOMP
FIND THEM !
.....

LET'S GO ...
WILL YOU HEAR ME OUT ?
SAIZOU

HUH ?
AAARGH
LIKE I SAID !
SHINOBU -SAMA'S BEST FRIEND WAS CAPTURED BY THE BIG BROS OF THE MISHIMA FAMILY,
AND THIS IS THE BROTHER OF THE VICTIM !!
WE'RE BEGGING YOU ...
PLEASE LET US MEET WITH SHINO -SAMA !!
WE BEG OF YOU ! PLEEEASE .....
WHAT'S THIS FUSS ALL ABOUT ?
WE HAVE ALREADY SENT SOMEONE TO RELAY YOUR MESSAGE SO PLEASE-
I HAVE REPEATED MANY TIMES THAT WE CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO PASS THROUGH THESE DOORS ..!

THANK GOODNESS !
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS
HOW SILLY OF YOU GUYS TO GET CAUGHT
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR NOT LISTENING TO ME AND BEHAVING YOURSELVES
COME NOW, THIS WAY
.....
THE SHRINE AGAIN ?
IT'S THE MAIN SHRINE THIS TIME
I'VE NEVER BEEN INTO THE MAIN SHRINE BEFORE
THAT IS BECAUSE ENTRY IN HERE IS USUALLY PROHIBITED
RATTLE

CRREAK
I'LL TRY TO GIVE YOU A SIMPLE EXPLANATION,
OKAY ?
MAIN SHRINE
FACING THE MOUNTAINS, YOU WILL SEE THE SHRINE AT THE TOP AND THE OSHIRO MANSION AT THE BOTTOM
FRONT SHRINE
UNDERGROUND CHAMBER
OSHIRO MANSION
THE ENTIRE AREA IN BETWEEN THESE TWO SPOTS IS THE FULL SCOPE OF THE UNDERGROUND MAZE AND THE SECRET CHAMBER LIES EXACTLY IN THE CENTRE OF THIS AREA
AN ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERGROUND MAZE ...!
TH-
THIS IS ...
YOU'VE ALL ENTERED THE MAZE BEFORE RIGHT ?
AND ESCAPED FROM THE ENTRANCE UNDER THE OFFERTORY BOX IN THE FRONT SHRINE ?

AND IS THAT WHERE SHINO -SAMA IS RIGHT NOW ?
YUP, IT IS ALSO MOST LIKELY
THE PLACE WHERE THE MISHIMA ARE HEADED FOR AT THE MOMENT
BIG SIS, YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT THESE THINGS
.....
ASIDE FROM THE LADIES IN WAITING SERVING AT THE OSHIRO MANSION,
ALMOST EVERY KUNOICHI IN THE VILLAGE ARE UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF SHOUKO-SAMA
AND I AM CONSIDERED ONE OF THE FEW ELITE MEMBERS AMONGST THEM
HMM SO YOU'VE EARNED THE COMPLETE TRUST OF SHOUKO -SAMA HUH ?
I WISH TO BE OF SERVICE TO HER
I AM FOREVER INDEBTED TO HER

SHOGO KOJIMA

小学6年生のこのんを抱くのは結構楽しかったです。

このんは 天ぷらのせ「玉子焼き」というイメージに一番近いんじゃないかと…。

玉緒セルフメモ
・物事を見て考えない
・感情に素直（ヒト）
・下心（邪な気持ち）を理解しない。

SHOKO OSHIRO

私はまだ母親になったことがないけど このんを抱くのは正直 不安と迷いはなかった。

このんの行動が愛しくお給料等 沢山ご支度いただきました 今でもこのんとは このんの行為に対価はありません。（でも思いはたくさん詰まる。）

SHOCK

DASH
IT'S LIKELY THAT THE MINISTERS WANT TO HAVE SHINOBU-SAMA IN THEIR HANDS,
SO THAT THEY CAN USE YOU TO RESTRICT SHOUKO -SAMA AND THE LORD'S ACTIONS
AT THE SAME TIME THEY WANT TO MAKE USE OF ME AS A FIGUREHEAD BY BLACKMAILING ME WITH MOTHER WHO IS IN HER SICKBED
BUT I WONDER WHY MOTHER SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT
THOSE WORDS MEANT THAT
SHE INTENDS TO GO AGAINST THE OSHIRO FAMILY . .
SHINOBU -SAMA ?

WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR INSISTING ON STAYING IN THE VILLAGE,
AND COMING BACK DOWN TO THIS MAZE EVEN IF IT MEANT GOING AGAINST SHOUKO-SAMA'S WISHES AND RISKING YOUR LIFE ?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD ANYTHING LIKE THIS
FOR MOTHER TO WISH FOR SOMETHING SO BADLY ...
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO KNOW ...
''FOR A VERY VERY LONG TIME ....''

THE TRUTH THAT TORMENTS MOTHER SO DEEPLY ...

Chapter 60

しのぶの友人というポジションは彼女に対してどこまでも無関心であるが、どこまでも過干渉である。キャラクターが命、なと思って創りました。二言三言に登場するキャラのわりに一番、描くことが純粋に楽しかったのは晴海です。初期設定では健三の初恋がしのぶだったとか書いておりました。そーだったんだ。
(2015年9月14日記)

AND THEY BROUGHT A HOSTAGE WITH THEM
PLEASE FORGIVE US,
THEY INFILTRATED THROUGH THE MAIN SHRINE
IT IS A GIRL ...
WHO IS IT !?
A HOSTAGE !?
I BELIEVE SHE CAME TO VISIT YOU IN THE VILLAGE ...
THEY SAID SHE WAS YOUR FRIEND

HARUMI ...!?
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO POSSESS THE KEYS TO THIS DOOR ARE SHOUKO-SAMA AND SHINOBU -SAMA
IT CANNOT BE OPENED WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM EITHER OF THEM !
WELL THEN, GO AND GET THEM
WE HAVE NO TIME TO WASTE,
OPEN THE DOOR THIS INSTANCE ...

MOTHER IS IN NO CONDITION TO MOVE ...!
BECAUSE WE REALLY DONT WISH TO HURT OUR DEAR HOSTAGE
LET ME THROUGH !

ONE IS THE DOOR ON THE MANSION'S SIDE THAT WE JUST PASSED, AND ANOTHER IS THE ONE ON THE SHRINE'S SIDE WHERE WE SPOTTED SASUKE BEFORE.
MAIN SHRINE
FRONT SHRINE
UNDERGROUND CHAMBER
OSHIRO MANSION
THEY CAN ONLY BE OPENED BY THIS KEY ...
THERE IS NO WAY FOR THEM TO ENTER THIS PLACE ASIDE FROM COMING THROUGH ONE OF THE 2 DOOR ...

HAA
HAA
THROB
AND THEN THERE IS TAYLIYA-SAMA HIDDEN IN THE CENTRE OF THE MAZE ...

BA DUMP
I CAN HEAR THE NOISE FROM ALL THE WAY IN HERE...
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
CLICK
COULD IT BE,
YOSHI-NII AND THE GANG...

HEY THERE ...
WHERE ARE YOSHITO AND THE REST ?
WHOOSH
AH !
FWOOSH
WHY DONT WE JUST SETTLE THINGS HERE ONCE AND FOR ALL ?
CLANK

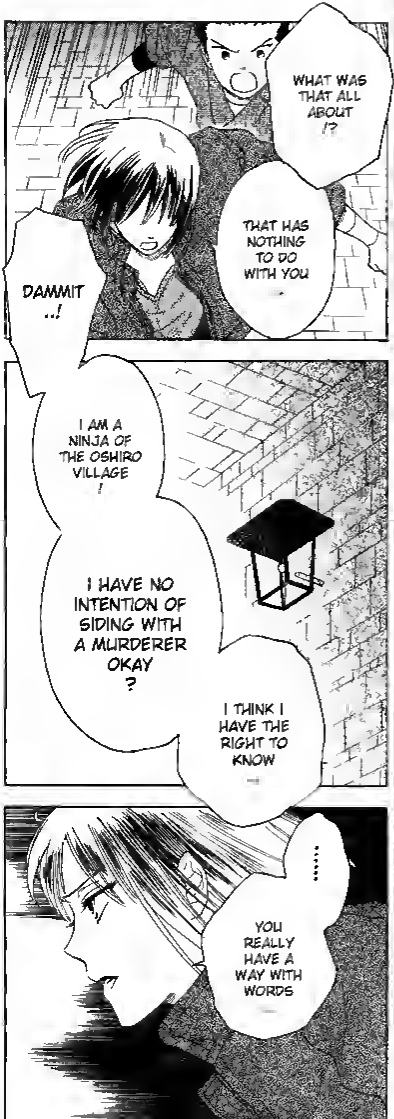
AND WHAT IS YOUR AGENDA ?
REVENGE ?
CLINK
AHH
THAT'S RIGHT ...
WHOOSH

"THEY MURDERED MY FATHER ..."
IN FACT, IT'S MORE SURPRISING THAT YOU DONT HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST ME
CHIYO ..
AFTER HAVING YOUR MOTHER KILLED IN FRONT OF YOUR VERY OWN EYES ...

STRIKE
THE ONE WHO KILLED HER WAS YOUR FATHER WHO WENT BERSERK ...!
AND WHO WAS IT THAT MADE HIM THAT WAY !?
IF SHOUKO-SAMA HADNT RESCUED US BACK THEN WE WOULD HAVE BOTH DIED ...!
HMPH ! WHAT A LOYAL DOG YOU ARE JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER

WHAM
CRRRING
!!
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
YUURI
...!

PLOP
GRAB
UWAAA ..!
INFORM THE OSHIRO FAMILY OF THE MISHIMA'S INTRUSION !
ROKUTA ...
WHAT ABOUT THAT BIG BRO ?


WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT !?
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
DAMMIT ...!
I AM A NINJA OF THE OSHIRO VILLAGE !
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SIDING WITH A MURDERER OKAY ?
I THINK I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW
.....
YOU REALLY HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS
STANDBY THERE UNTIL THE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE !!

MY PARENTS WERE PART OF THE RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT
INTELLIGENCE
THEY WERE MAINLY TASKED WITH SURVEILLANCE JOBS IN THE VILLAGE
THEIR JOBS FORCED THEM TO WORK AROUND DANGEROUS AND UNWANTED PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE
AFTER MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO ME SHE USED THAT OPPORTUNITY TO RETIRE FROM HER POSITION
BACK THEN, I WENT TO STAY WITH MY FATHER WHO WAS WORKING ON A JOB OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, IN A RATHER DISTANT LAND
BUT ONE DAY, MOTHER WAS ORDERED BY SHOUKO-SAMA TO NURSE A MAN ON HIS SICKBED AND AT THE SAME TIME, SPY ON HIM
"CHIYO"
"I WANT YOU TO MEET THIS BOY HERE, TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM OKAY..?"
THAT MAN,
WAS YUURI'S FATHER
...

TH-
THIS IS MY FATHER'S CHAIN SCYTHE !
SO YOU CAN WIELD A SCYTHE ?
COOL !
WHEN MY DAD WAS YOUNGER,
HE WAS WAY STRONGER THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE !
BUT EVER SINCE HIS ARM WAS INJURED
IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS 3 YEARS OLD
WHEN HE RECEIVED ORDERS FOR A NEW JOB,
AND THE OSHIRO FAMILY TOOK HIM AWAY ...

I THOUGHT HE WAS NEVER GOING TO RETURN
AND WHEN HE FINALLY CAME BACK TO ME
HE WAS
HE WAS THIN AND FRAIL. HE NEVER SPOKE A
HE TO LIE
UGH
AARGH
FATHER PLEASE CALM DOWN ...
FATHER !!
I'LL USE A SEDATIVE ...
AHHH

WHAT SHOULD I DO
IF MY FATHER DIES ...!
I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT
KYAAAA!

CHIYO
..
HELP ME ...
FATHER IS ....!!
YUURI !!
MOTHER ...!
SLASH

HIS ILLNESS PUSHED HIM TO THE BRINK OF INSANITY, HE LOST CONTROL OF HIMSELF AND STARTED KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE ...
SLASH
MOTHER !!
PLEASE STOP IT ..!!
STOP IT FATHER ...

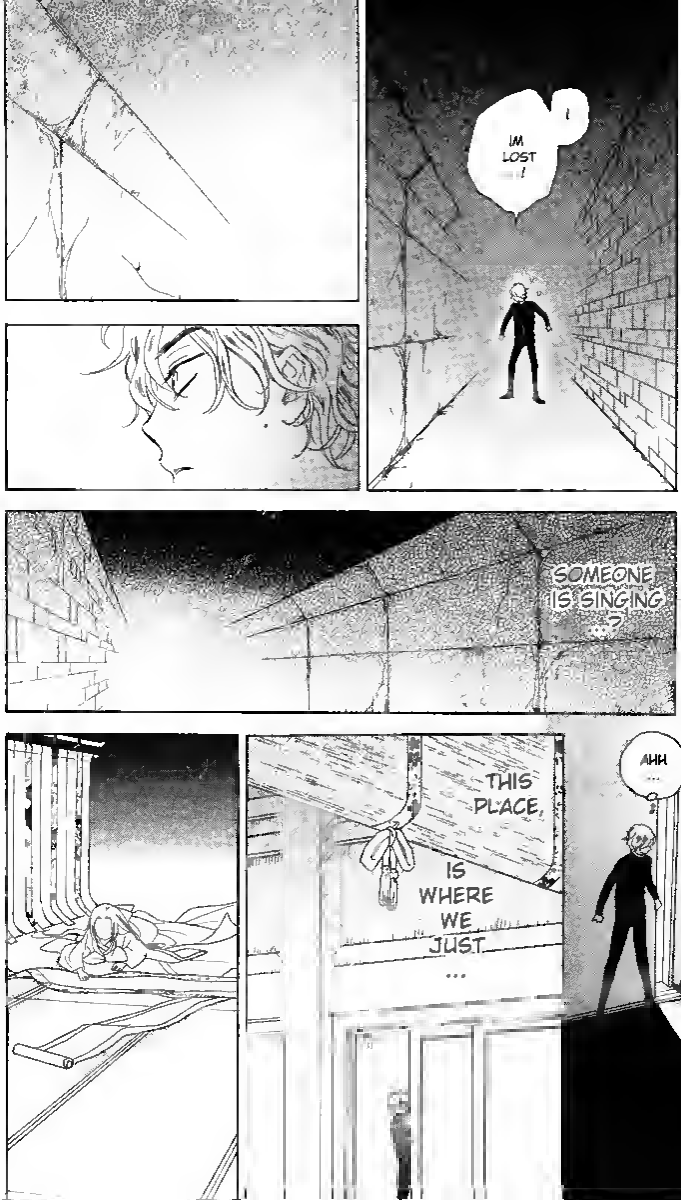
YUURI
...

YUURI'S FATHER WAS SUBDUED BY SHOUKO -SAMA'S PERSONAL GUARDS,
AND HE PASSED AWAY A FEW DAYS LATER
.....

SO THAT GUY HAS IT IN HIS MIND THAT THE OSHIRO FAMILY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ILLNESS THAT TORMENTED HIS FATHER ...?
EXACTLY ...!
"IM SO SORRY ..."

HAA
HAA
YOU DONT LOOK VERY GOOD, SAIZOU ...

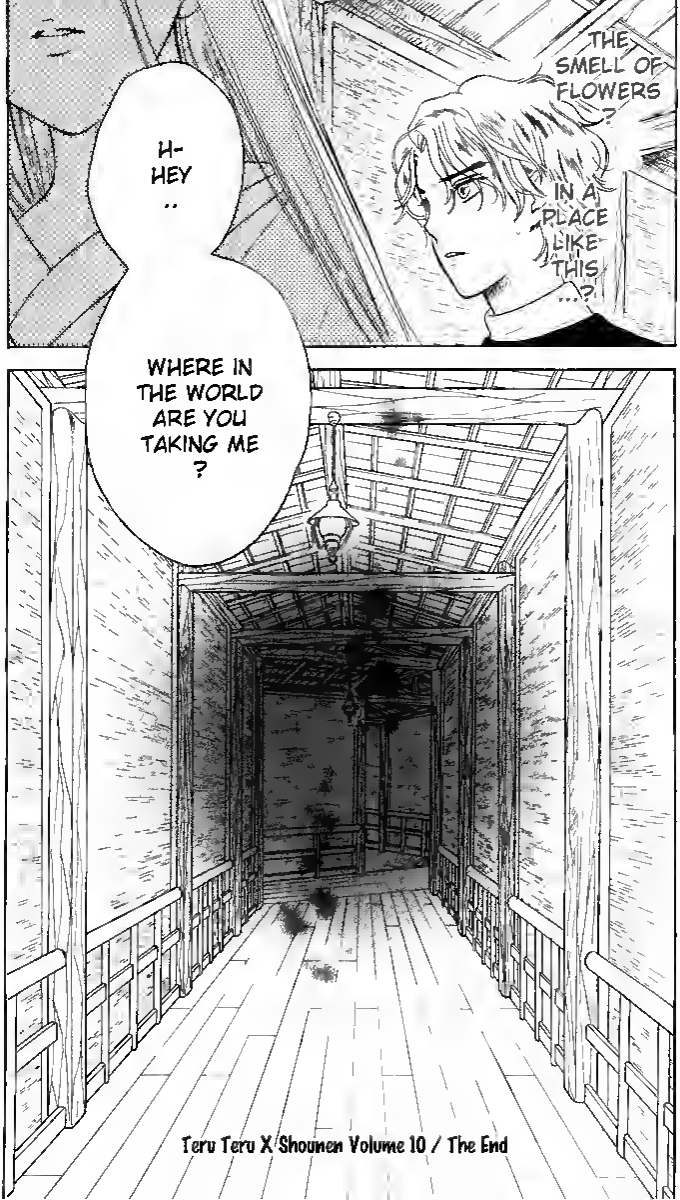
HEH
I GUESS WE SHOULD GET TO THE POINT...!
MAY I PROPOSE A TRADE...?
YOU HAND ME THE KEY TO THIS DOOR...


I'M LOST !
SOMEONE IS SINGING ?
THIS PLACE, IS WHERE WE JUST ...
AHH ...

HUH?
H-HEY?
GRAB
AACK!!!

SIGH
SQUEEZE
EHHH ...?
SQUEEZE
WH-
HEY ...
WHAT !?
HAA
SHE'S WARM ...
''THIS LADY IS UNABLE TO MAINTAIN HER CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ...''
PAT
PAT
UHM ...
.....

HUH ?
WHAT ..?
SQUEEZE
.....
SMILE
SNIFF
WHAT'S THAT ?
IT'S SWEET ...


THE SMELL OF FLOWERS ?
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ...?
H-HEY ..
WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TAKING ME ?